

Minutes of the meeting of Uppingham Town Partnership
7.30pm, November 28th 2011, Uppingham Town Hall

Present:

Lucy Stephenson	Rutland County Council (Chair)	LS
Phil Wignell	Community (Treasurer)	PW
Susie Burrows	Community (Secretary)	SB
Marc Oxley	Business (Vice Chair)	MO
Terry King	Rutland County Council	TK
Peter Rees	Town Council	PR
Dave Casewell	Town Council	DC
James Lammie	Rutland County Council	JL
Rachel Watt	Community/Church	RW
Dick Reeve	Town Council	DR
Edmund Hockley	Community	EH
Jadene Clegg	Youth Council	JC
Heather Newton	Youth Council	HN

1. **Welcome:** Edmund Hockley was welcomed as a new community member. Kevin Cox was welcomed as a representative of CS Ellis Group, to tell us about the Rutland Run.
2. **Apologies:** Tania Kerr (Business)
3. **Previous minutes:** accepted
4. **Matters arising:**
 - i) **Rutland Run:** The Ellis Group is celebrating 80 years in business with another Rutland Run of vintage commercial vehicles, ending up with lunch at The Falcon. They also have the use of a magnificent Victory concert organ, with screens attached and a wide range of music/film clips. Intend to come through Uppingham at 10am on Sunday July 7th, circuit Rutland and return to Uppingham at 1.00pm. This attracted 2,000 visitors on a similar occasion in Oakham, and the committee unanimously agreed in principle that we would like to host it and feel that it would showcase Uppingham well. We will communicate with Kevin before Christmas, and a working party will be set up. UTC should be asked whether, in principle, Tod's Piece could be used for some family friendly events, hopefully involving many local groups & perhaps a competition such as 'it's a knock out'.

Some concern was expressed over two road closures on the High Street in such a short space of time, but the working group will consider all options and canvas local opinion. Jadene suggested ideas to involve younger people such as "car races".

Rachel suggested a Town Diary should be established, under the auspices of the Town Council, and this was welcomed and will be on the agenda for our next meeting.

- ii) **Finance Report:** Phil provided a breakdown of the current financial situation, which is healthy.
- iii) **Neighbourhood Plan update:** the committee is largely in agreement about which areas should be developed for new housing, and are now discussing the use of Tod's Piece and will begin to look at the location of business areas next. There are a total of 7 separate areas to consider and this is being done one at a time so that there is time for full consultation with the town.
- iv) **Heritage Trail update:** 20 sites of historic interest have been identified, and ideally there will be 7 information boards along the trail. Each site will have an A5 QR board so it can be linked to a virtual trail. Quotes are now being obtained for the street furniture (a couple of local names were suggested) and a photographer is taking photos through the seasons. Rachel offered a link with the new Church photos. Quotes are being sought for the website. Hopefully, the Trail will be active by June 2013.
- v) **Living in Rutland Ad:** the committee agreed that it was not felt that £600 for a half page advert was a good use of funds. **LS** to decline suggestion.
- vi) **Rutland telephone app:** Discover Rutland tourism agency are asking for the two town partnerships to make a one off payment, ideally of £600. OTP has suggested we split this 50/50, but it was agreed that a payment of £150 was a better reflection of the size of our community and that in return we would ask for a page for Uppingham and good feedback on hits. It is a free app. **LS** to let Libby know, and to enquire about the annual fee for joining of perhaps £30.
- vii) **LNS:** things going according to plan. Members volunteered for marshal duties and flyer deliveries. Information pack for marshals will be emailed, and the sign up/phone numbers/high vis waistcoats will be available in the members room from Tues. **DC** will cover the Town Hall, and **RW** the Church.
5 people from the Youth Council have volunteered to help with the Fairtrade stand in the Church & Jadene will co-ordinate that.
- viii) **Signage working party:** **LS, MO, EH & RW.** 1st meeting to be arranged by email after LNS but before Christmas
- ix) **Fairtrade update:** Youth Council very involved, meeting had with Richard from the Rutland steering group. Planning to put together a list of shops, schools & Churches who are involved. Press cover arranged. Rachel said it is possible to tell people that bulk buying of FT goods can be done through Mary Lloyd, who runs the Church supply. It was agreed that once the complicated application form for Fairtrade status is completed, it will be brought to committee for consideration.

- x) **Board membership:** As per the information sent to everyone by Phil, the best route to becoming a company limited by guarantee is to form a new company and it was agreed that the name Phil suggested (accepted by Companies House) is a good one. The old company can then be dissolved and assets transferred. It was agreed that all members over the age of 18 will pay £1 as their maximum liability. Phil & Susie were elected as directors. It was agreed to use an agent (at a cost of around £100) to set it up correctly. Members will sign up as individuals rather than representatives of any organisation.

5. AOB:

- i) **LSP money:** It was agreed that money from this source should be used for the Rutland Run day.
- ii) **Cinema club:** To do the subject justice, it was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING: PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS WILL NOT BE ON OUR USUAL DAY, BUT ON THURSDAY JANUARY 3RD, 7.30 TOWN HALL. There will be no meeting in December, and the February meeting will be early in the month. Normal times will be resumed and dates established at the next meeting.