

**Minutes of the meeting of Uppingham Town Partnership**  
**7.30 January 3<sup>rd</sup> 2013, Uppingham Town Hall**

**Present:**

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| Lucy Stephenson | Rutland County Council (Chair) | <b>LS</b> |
| Phil Wignell    | Community (Treasurer)          | <b>PW</b> |
| Susie Burrows   | Community (Secretary)          | <b>SB</b> |
| Marc Oxley      | Business (Vice-chair)          | <b>MO</b> |
| Dave Casewell   | Uppingham Town Council         | <b>DC</b> |
| Dick Reeve      | Town Council                   | <b>DR</b> |
| James Lammie    | Rutland County Council         | <b>JL</b> |
| Rachel Watts    | Community/Church               | <b>RW</b> |
| Edmund Hockley  | Community                      | <b>EH</b> |
| Jadene Clegg    | Youth Council                  | <b>JC</b> |
| Heather Newton  | Youth Council                  | <b>HN</b> |

1. **Apologies:** Terry King
2. **Minutes of last meeting:** Accepted
3. **Matters arising:** PW has got the forms organised for the change of registration and this will be available for signatures shortly
4. **Matters of business:**
  - i) **Finance report:** PW distributed copies of our current financial situation, which is looking healthy
  - ii) **LNS report:** LS handed out copies of a very full report. This was again a very successful evening. There was a little difficulty relating to the road closure leading to the library. It was suggested that perhaps the objector could be kept fully informed well in advance next year, and possibly invited to join the working group. Other thoughts for next year included Youth Council members coming up with entertainment ideas for teenagers, to find a way to get a rough footfall count (perhaps outside the Church & Town Hall, which the Youth council volunteers could undertake), Edmund mentioned BBC Radio Leicester contacts, & we perhaps need to reinforce setting up times for stalls. However, these are minor improvements and hearty congratulations and thanks were given to Lucy for another excellent event.
  - iii) **Cinema club idea:** This has arisen partly because TK mentioned that the Museum might be selling off its old equipment and it might be worthwhile putting in a bid. To put a film on costs £85 for the licence per showing, and we would need a projectionist as well as a projector & screen – both are available at UCC (too far out of town, as has been established with The King's Speech) or the Church Rooms (only seats 50, and created a profit of £2 for each of the 2 films shown). But do we need to make a profit? It could be a useful community event in its own right. PW said that The Phoenix will bring film (between general release and DVD status), projector and projectionist for £100 + 50% of box office profit. They recommend charging at least £4. We would provide the venue & advertising.  
Possibly more popular if in a pub setting, but that would restrict the age & teens might be the best target audience? It could well be a good use of LSP money.

It was agreed that we should have a working party & get feedback by the February meeting: **SB, PW, Janet Wignell, Edmund, Heather & Jadene** volunteered. **SB** to organise a meeting asap.

- iv) **Fair Trade:** MO reported that there were 273 signatures supporting the idea of Uppingham as a Fairtrade town from the LNS event. Fairtrade require a specific steering group for the town, separate from the county, and it was agreed that UTP do in fact provide just that. The Town Council have received a positive response from the NFU. The original deadline cannot be met, but the application should definitely have been submitted by July 2013.
- v) **Bags:** Left over bags & any cash to be collected by **LS**. **DC** to mention the bags being on sale for £1 in the Town Council newsletter. It was agreed that the bags were just for 2013, as that was such an eventful year – but other ideas may well spring up.
- vi) **2013 events/road closures:** Having first checked with Uppingham 1<sup>st</sup>, **PW** agreed to put in an application for all the road closures for the year. UTP events so far: 5<sup>th</sup> May Brocante, 23<sup>rd</sup> June Feast, 7<sup>th</sup> July Rutland Road Run, 5<sup>th</sup> Dec LNS.
- vii) **Brocante:** Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup> (bank holiday w/end). MO suggested that it would work better if the event is not in two separated locations. The idea of using the Co-op car park was mooted, but won't work because of access. Possibly Crown Yard and the Mercer's Yard car park? This would require RCC permission. To be checked out, and final decision by next meeting.
- viii) **Rutland Road Run:** Working party: **LS, DC, JL, Jadene & man from Ellis**
- ix) **New idea – It's A Knockout style event on Tod's Piece:** Idea of a family fun day, getting community groups involved & no trade stands – possibly in August. Need to get the Football Club fully on board. Could use LSP money to hire equipment. Need to check insurance & ensure that groups sign disclaimers. **LS** to talk to the Football Club.
- x) **Signage:** Working party to meet shortly – **LS** to arrange
- xi) **Town Diary:** All in agreement with Rachel's idea, and feel that it should be organised by the Town Council if Susan is happy with the idea of groups feeding in their dates to her. Can have links to our website and youth websites etc. May well be that there is a suitable diary format available via the Council website.
- xii) **Meeting with Uppingham First 17.12.12:** It was good to have the opportunity to meet more members of UF, and particularly useful to have Dave Ainslie's input. The outcome was a strong emphasis on better communication, rather than joining up as each group provides the town with different benefits. It was agreed that two members of each organisation would meet up to plot the best ways of communicating & co-operating. **LS** to write to Uppingham 1<sup>st</sup> to arrange a meeting, and suggesting that our representatives should be **LS & PR**. Meantime, our 3 County Councillors will consult with Geoff Pook following our discussion regarding UTP Ltd, and **PW** will continue following up his enquiries.

#### 5. AOB:

- i) **The World Conker Championships:** There has been another enquiry regarding the possibility of the October 2013 championships being in Uppingham, and it was agreed that **DC** should follow this up.
- ii) **Liability renewal:** This is due on 7.3.13. Risk element to be confirmed by **PW**, and a final discussion on levels to be had at the next meeting.

#### FUTURE MEETINGS:

From now on, we will revert to monthly meetings being held on the last Wednesday of the month.

**Next meeting:** Wednesday January 30<sup>th</sup>, 7.30 at Town Hall  
Wednesday February 27<sup>th</sup>, 7.30 at Town Hall  
Wednesday March 27<sup>th</sup>, 7.30 at Town Hall