

**Minutes of the meeting of Uppingham Town Partnership  
7.30 April 24<sup>th</sup> 2013, Uppingham Town Hall**

**Present:**

Lucy Stephenson	Rutland County Council (Chair)	<b>LS</b>
Marc Oxley	Business (Vice-chair)	<b>MO</b>
Susie Burrows	Community (Secretary)	<b>SB</b>
Dick Reeve	Uppingham Town Council	<b>DR</b>
Edmund Hockley	Community	<b>EH</b>
Rachael Watts	Church/Community	<b>RW</b>

1. **Apologies:** Dave Casewell, James Lammie, Phil Wignell, Terry King
2. **Minutes from 27.3.13:** Accepted
3. **Matters arising:** Covered in (4)
4. **Matters of business:**
  - a) **Signs:** In view of the poor response from local traders, it was agreed that UTP would like to ask UTC if they will read the report & recommendations & hopefully approve them. **LS** to ask if this can be on the agenda for 15.5.13, & to put the agreed plan on to the Business Forum.  
It was agreed that the new brown signs should ideally include the 'candelabra' symbol for antiques/arts (**MO** to check this with Highways), & that we should accept the less expensive option of replacement/incorporation into one sign. **LS** to contact Uppingham School to ask if they would be prepared to help with the cost (as they have in the past), as the School is mentioned. Also with the fingerpost costs.  
Fingerposts: It was agreed these should be ordered with the Heritage Trail street furniture but concern was expressed that we do not delay the implementation of the Trail, as we need to apply for planning permission. **LS** to consult with Heritage Trail. It will be necessary for the sub-group to establish the exact costs, but if possible 2 fingerposts would be good – one in the area of the bus stops (location to be decided by sub-group) to include signage to Market Square (&) Church, shops & places to eat/pubs, & School, and one in the Market Place to include Recreation Ground, Shops/food, School/theatre, Town Hall. There was some debate about whether or not to include distance for, perhaps, the theatre.  
**LS** to pass report on to Neighbourhood Plan.
  - b) **Update on LSP Statement:** deferred as DC not present
  - c) **Rutland Road Run:** Permission has been given by UTC for the use of Todd's Piece for the fun element of the day. There is steady liaison with CS Ellis, & also with the football club. Possible ideas include corporate tug-of-war, bouncy castle, music, fete games such as splat the rat, community group stands (but not trade stands).
  - d) **Feast:** All going ahead smoothly, entertainment booked, new poster/flyer chosen & being prepared

- e) **Brocante:** So far, 5 stalls in Mercer's Yard & 7 in Crown Yard. MO hopes to move them all into Mercer's Yard so that the Antiques Centre can put items in Crown Yard to make it look more inviting. Banners have been made, bringing budget to £160. It was agreed that press releases would not give any indication of numbers of stalls – constructive use of the word 'varied' was agreed. **MO** will send an email round asking for marshals & giving 2 hour slots. Congratulations were offered on the organisation of the second Brocante.
- f) **Cinema:** Posters are up around the town, tickets are on sale at The Falcon. A second film (Silver Linings Playbook) has been booked for June 12<sup>th</sup>. Enthusiasm was expressed for the posters & plans.
- g) **Tourism leaflet:** SB did a re-write of the leaflet & 2 local photographers supplied photos. LS has asked for a proof copy before it goes to print.
- h) **Fair Trade:** The completed application has gone to Richard Baggot for final checking. **MO** will send it in when it has been given the OK, & thanks were expressed for the work that has gone into this.
- i) **Heritage Trail:** Hatty McShane-Smith (tourism) would like an update. **LS** will ask **DC** to contact Hatty. Hopefully the website will be up & running by June/July. Street furniture has been chosen.
- j) **Grant application:** TK asked if both Town Partnerships could decide if they want to apply for money via this route. RW said that other groups in the town are aware of this money & may apply – e.g. WW1 commemoration. If any board member of UTP not present tonight would like to make an application, please contact LS. Otherwise, it was felt perhaps not to be appropriate for UTP as well as being a great time commitment.
- k) **Independent's Day:** It was agreed that this is geared specifically to local businesses, and as such was more appropriate for Uppingham First. **LS** will check with Ron Simpson that he is aware.
- l) **AGM:** This will be held at our May meeting & **LS** will prepare an agenda.

#### 5. AOB:

- i) DC asked for the names of 2 representatives from UTP to meet with UF, which he can then pass on to Dave Ainslie. It was agreed that it would still be 2 out of LS, SB & PR.
- ii) Please note that copies of all important UTP documentation is now stored in the cupboard in the Members Room of the Town Hall, thanks to Susan.

**Next meeting: Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2013 (AGM) 7.30 Town Hall**