

Minutes from the meeting of Uppingham Town Partnership, May 29th 2013
Uppingham Town Hall, 7.30pm

Present:

Lucy Stephenson	Rutland County Council (Chair)	LS
Phil Wignell	Community (Treasurer)	PW
Susie Burrows	Community (Secretary)	SB
Rachael Watts	Church/Community	RW
Peter Rees	Uppingham Town Council	PR
Edmund Hockley	Community	EH
Dick Reeve	Uppingham Town Council	DR
James Lammie	Rutland County Council	JL

1. **Apologies:** Marc Oxley, Terry King
2. **Minutes from April meeting:** Accepted (2 abstentions from members not there)
3. **Matters arising:** Covered in (5)
4. **Finance report:** Some outstanding transactions during May. Barclays has failed miserably in the attempt to open the new account following the change of name as listed with Companies House. **PW** will look into possible alternatives to banking with Barclays.
5. **Items of business:**
 - a) **Feast update:** Bands are all booked, and most of the entertainment. Money is being collected (currently around £1k). For some inexplicable reason there is a problem with stalls this year – perhaps a clash with another event? **SB, LS & JL** are phoning around to try and encourage more bookings. **PW** will need marshals & volunteers for flyer deliveries, and more muscle power for moving heavy items at the beginning and end of the event this year. **PW** will email people with rotas/delivery requests.
 - b) **Road run/family day:** **LS** reported that there are some community groups involved. A good deal has been made for hiring blow up items, including an adult sized space hopper track. Scouts are willing to help with children’s entertainment/refreshments. Plans are under way for a BBQ & music, and for a tug of war. **Ellis’s** are supplying marshals, but more volunteers will be needed. Rather than deliver flyers for this with the Feast ones, it was agreed more volunteers would be needed a week before to deliver house to house. **LS** to check insurance cover.
 - c) **Brocante:** report deferred until next month when **MO** will be present
 - d) **Signs:** one 4-finger post (to match Heritage Trail street furniture – **LS** to double check this) will cost £1,614 (including VAT), 2 will be £3,228. This does not leave enough money to also update the brown sign into Uppingham as hoped (£300). However, **LS** has yet to talk to Uppingham School about a potential donation, and possibly we could also ask antique shops if they would make a small contribution in view of the new ‘candelabra’ sign. **EH** to ask if they would contribute. However, it was unanimously agreed that if there is a shortfall, we would prefer to have two fingerposts & the brown sign update and pay any difference from our own funds.

Location: The fingerpost to go near bus stops/Co-op seems an easy decision: there is a post with a bin attached near the bowls club that can be clearly seen from the bus stops and it was agreed that this could be replaced (if planning permission is given) with the fingerpost. The location in the Market Place is more difficult. The favoured position was in place of a broken post that used to indicate 'motorbike parking', on a concrete base. It was acknowledged this might be a problem at Fun Fair time, and it might get hit again. However, it is central. Other options include near the fence that is to be replaced with railings (although getting clear visibility is tricky), the seating area near the surgery (getting the fingers pointing clearly might be hard) or Baines corner (might have to be so far out on to the pavement that it could cause a pedestrian hazard). Please could all members have a look in the next few days and feed their thoughts back to LS, who is going to next week's Council meeting on June 5th to present the idea of fingerposts.

- e) **Cinema update:** 71 tickets were sold, and there seemed to be a very enthusiastic response around the town to the idea of regular films. We did make a loss this time, because of a number of one-off expenses, but were delighted at the response. To break even, we would need an audience of 40+. The Phoenix man is willing to do a monthly showing on the second Wednesday of the month from September (with the local sweet shop selling sweets).
- f) **WW1 commemoration:** There is a Rutland event in late June 2014 at the army barracks in Cottesmore. Would people please bring any ideas they have for an Uppingham event to the next meeting.
- g) **Neighbourhood Plan update:** There is a draft report ready for consultation. There is a meeting next week, which means that more information will be available at the June meeting.
- h) **Heritage Trail:** the contract for the website has been signed, and the street furniture is about to be ordered. The website/information boards are being designed to match up. Hopefully something will be ready by July.
- i) **LSP update:** This was deferred until the next meeting in order to get DC's input
- j) **Fairtrade application:** the application is under consideration (see MO's email of 29.5.13). Further information at the next meeting when MO is present.
- k) **UTP/UF meeting:** No meeting has yet been set up. We will pursue this actively once the next two major events are completed.

6. **AOB:** None

Next meeting: June 26th 2013, Uppingham Town Hall, 7.30pm