

Minutes from the meeting of Uppingham Town Partnership, June 26th 2013
Uppingham Town Hall, 7.30

Present:

Lucy Stephenson	Rutland County Council (chair)	LS
Phil Wignell	Community (Treasurer)	PW
Susie Burrows	Community (Secretary)	SB
James Lammie	Rutland County Council	JL
Terry King	Rutland County Council	TK
Dick Reeve	Uppingham Town Council	DR
Dave Casewell	Uppingham Town Council	DC
Jadene Clegg	Youth Council	JC

1. **Apologies:** Marc Oxley, Edmund Hockley, Peter Rees
2. **Minutes from May 29th:** Accepted
3. **Matters arising:** See (5)
4. **Finance report:** PW distributed a full finance report dated to May 24th. Further expenditure/income will result from Feast Day but the present balance was agreed to be appropriate. PW will be investigating the possibility of an alternative bank.
5. **Items of business:**
 - a) **Feast:** A very good turnout, especially given the weather and the chilly evening. Events all well received and enjoyed (letter of appreciation from the new Sherrif passed on to the board). Huge thanks were extended to PW for his calm & efficient leadership, & those in the team. Income £4,700, expenditure £4,900 which was felt to be a good use of LSP money. Things to think about next time include expenditure on advertising to make sure it is in the most appropriate places. Final meeting will be after July 7th's Road Run. PW expressed willingness to be involved next year but sadly feels unable to take the lead again. Should be press coverage this week. In summary, another great success.
 - b) **Road Run:** Ellis's organising vintage vehicles in High St & Market Square but a couple of experienced UTP volunteers needed. Other items include the fun tug of war (hoping for a couple more teams), Rob Persani attending, scouts doing teas & inflatables. Possibly the official opening of the sensory garden. Insurers happy about tug of war etc. Nicki Jervis willing to be first aider. Flyers will be at the Falcon on Sat morning for distribution. **LS** to do an invoice for LSP money & get that to PW. **DC** checking on rules for tug of war. CS Ellis paying some of the costs.
 - c) **Brocante:** Raised £640 with costs of £140. Congratulations to MO on the success of the Brocante, although some anxiety was expressed concerning the fall in numbers of stalls from last year even with the change of date. It was agreed a third attempt would be welcomed & we could see how numbers look next time.
 - d) **Signs:** LS has seen the bursar of Uppingham School, who is happy to make a helpful financial contribution. The overall plan has been approved by UTC & Julie Lewis is taking the question of the exact location of the Market area fingerpost to Council but Baines Corner currently favoured. LS will then apply for planning permission. EH checked with

several of the antiques shops who might be willing to make a financial contribution because of the 'candelabra' sign: one or two mentioned a preference for words rather than a symbol but this unfortunately was not fed back on any of the comments forms distributed earlier. Signs will match up with Heritage Trail furniture.

- e) **Cinema update:** 44 people attended the second film, & there was again a good atmosphere and enthusiasm expressed. There was a deficit of £21 after Phoenix were paid £160 and costs (rent of hall & advertising) were paid. If it runs on a monthly basis on the second Wednesday of each month from September, Pete from the Phoenix will do it for a flat rate of £125 & advertising costs will be reduced. SB raised the question of whether a reduction in rent for the hall might be possible, otherwise it would be hard not to put on this service to the town at a loss. DC suggested a formal request to UTC.
- f) **WW1 commemoration:** Deferred to a future meeting. (JC suggested a video montage)
- g) **Heritage Trail update:** Planning permission for the boards has been requested. The website should be available from July. Designs all agreed. All welcome on **July 1st at 7pm** to walk the trail.
- h) **LSP update:** DC offered thanks for contributions to the Rutland Culture & Leisure Strategy paper.
- i) **Fairtrade:** MO was unable to be present but sent in a report to say that in fact a lot more work appears to be needed before we can apply for FT status. Disappointment was expressed about the lack of progress since September, & regrettably we have to suspend the possible application until we can find someone willing & able to take over. There is a possibility that Carolyn Cartwright might be interested.

6. AOB:

- a) TK asked that the National Small Business Saturday be put on the agenda for the next meeting
- b) JC raised the topic of the national idea of closing a (residential) road once a week for 2 hours for children to play safely. LS suggested that the BBC website be checked for details to be sent to local residents associations
- c) The new Uppingham leaflets are now out – thanks were expressed to SB & LS & appreciation for the photos taken by Paul Green
- d) PW will submit a report to the next meeting regarding the near 'take off' of one of the gazebos in the wind at the Feast. That gazebo was damaged, & it seems possible that Funky Tents might scrap all 3. If so, PW suggests that we take them on as we could make 2 good ones from the 3.
- e) TK mentioned that the possibility of a part-time Rutland town manager is being considered (partly funded by the new Oakham development & possible supermarket extension/development). It was agreed that in due course it would be useful for LS to meet with the chair of OTP to think of the best way to use the manager's time – farmers' markets was one possible idea.

Meeting ended at 8.40.

Next meeting: 31.7.14, 7.30 Town Hall. (LS presented her apologies in advance)