

**Minutes of the meeting of Uppingham Town Partnership
Town Hall, 7.30pm, 21st November 2013**

Present:

Lucy Stephenson	Rutland County Council (Chair)	LS
Phil Wignell	Community (Treasurer)	PW
Marc Oxley	Business (Vice Chair)	MO
Susie Burrows	Community (Secretary)	SB
James Lammie	Rutland County Council	JL
Pete Rees	Uppingham Town Council	PR
Dick Reeves	Uppingham Town Council	DR
Dave Casewell	Uppingham Town Council	DC

Inspector Lou Cordiner
PC Adam Ploszczanski

1. Apologies:

Carolyn Cartwright, Edmund Hockley, Terry King

2. Minutes from October meeting: Unanimously accepted

2A: Police visit:

UTP were delighted to welcome Inspector Lou Cordiner & PC Adam Ploszczanski, whose visit to our meeting was arranged by MO. Inspector Cordiner joined Rutland police in June 2013 and anticipates being here for a minimum of two years. Possibly tempting fate, she mentioned that Uppingham is very quiet in terms of crime at present. PC Ploszczanski reported that in the past year there have been only 5 reported house burglaries & 6 in other premises (less than half of the previous year). Thefts & fraud also down. Night time economy complaints also down, & Sargeant Kev Pulley is being tasked to check up on licenced premises when he joins Rutland next month.

PC Ploszczanski is kindly going to come to UTP meetings twice a year, and Inspector Cordiner once a year to keep the committee updated. The committee were very pleased that they had come, found it very useful and expressed their thanks before the police officers left.

3. Financial Report:

PW presented his usual detailed financial break down for the month. We still have a healthy balance in the bank (account not yet changed), but need to bear in mind it does include £3,300 for signage.

4. Matters of business:

- a) **Website update:** This will be deferred until the next meeting on January 29th 2014 when hopefully RW will be present
- b) **Signage update:** Before arranging for the fingerposts to be made, LS is awaiting confirmation from the town council regarding exactly what wording they would like (in addition to the school direction, which Uppingham School is willing to pay for). Sites are agreed (market place railings, Todd's Piece bus stop) & **LS** will email Susan directly to re-submit the paper with our recommendations & ask that it be discussed at the next meeting of the Council in December for confirmation prior to ordering.

- c) **Film Night update:** SB reported another successful film night this month (give or take a couple of technical glitches!), with an excellent atmosphere/following. 48 customers. It was agreed that the 3 people who bake free nibbles (which do add to the social atmosphere) will be allowed £5 towards costs & that this will be listed under 'refreshments'. Do please all come along to the festive film evening on Dec 11th – The Great Gatsby. Dressing up optional but encouraged, wandering down to the Falcon afterwards recommended.
- d) **LNS:** LS reported that all is well under control, and distributed flyers to be delivered. Please would everyone who is available let LS know what times they are free for marshalling, & try to involve some other sensible folk. **LS** to try & get an individual mention of LNS in Uppingham into the press.
- e) **Pop-up banner update:** SB brought along one of the 2 newly purchased banners, which the committee liked the look of. SB thanked for arranging their purchase.
- f) **Uppingham in Bloom representative:** Karen Emery will be coming to meetings in the future, starting hopefully at the end of January.
- g) **Police representatives:** See 2A
- h) **Plan for January meeting:** It was agreed that there should be 2 meetings in January (none in December). The first will be on THURSDAY JANUARY 9th, 7.30 Town Hall, and this meeting will have only one item on the agenda: a discussion of what UTP would ideally like to see for Uppingham from a potential town manager for Rutland if it happens. The second meeting, on WEDNESDAY JANUARY 29th will cover the usual agenda. From then on, back to meeting on the final Wednesday of each month.
- i) **Consultative body update:** letter to be sent to RCC by **LS** to officially request that UTP be listed as a consultative body.

5. AOB:

- a) **Neighbourhood Plan:** DC reported that the second draft of the plan has now been largely distributed throughout Uppingham households. UTP unanimously supports the new plan wholeheartedly & commented on what an impressive document it is (motion proposed by SB, seconded by JL)
- b) **Fairtrade:** Town Clerk Susan Awcock has put in writing that UTC unanimously support Uppingham as a Fairtrade Town & will use FT products wherever possible. MO has sent this letter to the FT foundation, and anticipates a response in the new year.

Meeting ended at 8.45

**Next meetings: Thursday January 9th (single item agenda)
Wednesday January 29th (usual agenda topics)**