

**Minutes from the meeting of Uppingham Town Partnership March 26<sup>th</sup> 2014  
Uppingham Town Hall, 7.30**

**Present:**

Marc Oxley	Business (Acting Chair)	<b>MO</b>
Phil Wignell	Community (Treasurer)	<b>PW</b>
Susie Burrows	Community (Secretary)	<b>SB</b>
Dave Casewell	Uppingham Town Council	<b>DC</b>
James Lammie	Rutland County Council	<b>JL</b>
Carolyn Cartwright	Community	<b>CC</b>
Lucy Stephenson	Rutland County Council	<b>LS</b>

**1. Apologies:** Edmund Hockley, Dick Reeve, Caroline Lawson-Dick, Youth members, Terry King, Rachel Watts

Congratulations were offered to Edmund on the safe arrival of his daughter. The meeting was very pleased to hear that a representative from Uppingham School, Caroline Lawson-Dick (Enterprise Manager), is joining the committee.

**2. Financial Report:** PW reported that our account has been fairly static as there are no major events on at present. Film night has proved both successful & profitable & it is hoped that the profit will support the new venture of showing 'If'. It was agreed that having a healthy balance is a necessary back-up for bigger events later in the year. It was also agreed that a letter should be written to LSP once we know that all the money has been spent, to express the value we have obtained from the funding.

**3. Matters of business:**

**a) Date for possible town manager joint meeting:** Meeting is arranged for Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 10am in RCC council chamber. **JL** agreed to be our representative.

It was agreed that **SB** would contact Alf Dewis (OTP) to suggest an informal meeting between the two town partnerships prior to that date. **DC** to report back date of meeting to UTC.

**b) Film night:** is still going very well, with 58 people attending this month's showing. **SB** has emailed everyone with details of the exciting site-specific, 'dramatised' showing of If on April 12<sup>th</sup> at Uppingham School (whose support has been greatly appreciated). Please pass on the information to everyone you can think of!

Also have a look at the excellent website Alastair Bell created: [www.uppinghamfilms.co.uk](http://www.uppinghamfilms.co.uk)

**c) Website update:** tentative enquires have been made to Alastair Bell, to find out whether he might build us a new website (around £600 was mentioned to him)

**d) Signs:** **LS**, **MO** & **EH** had a meeting to finalise details. **MO** then met with the highways officer, & it was felt that having symbols on the brown signs made them too cluttered & hard to read (with the probable exception of the 'plug' sign for electric cars which the Council will be likely require). They will therefore just have the wording: Uppingham Historic Town & School. **EH** to be asked to confirm that no agreement was made to have the candelabra symbol.

The fingerposts have been agreed, and a decision was taken to opt for the best quality design. Uppingham School have agreed to pay £400 towards the posts. The fish shop did ask if a 'fast food' finger could be included, but this was not felt to be appropriate. It was agreed that **LS** would go ahead and place the order, and that this should be submitted via the Town Council as it will make planning permission easier/VAT less likely. DC confirmed that the Council have discussed this and are willing to facilitate the application. **LS** to discuss with Susan. Because of the saving this will create, it is likely that there will be some of the £3,333 remaining which it was agreed should be kept until the signs are all in place & paid for, and then used for whatever we can then afford by way of signage – possibly a single fingerpost to indicate the path to the new surgery.

- e) **Brocante:** the meeting was delighted to hear that MO has fully booked Crown Yard, and that there are 4 confirmed bookings for Mercers Yard & a possible further 8 interested in booking.
- f) **Feast:** June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Meetings have been underway since January, and good progress is being made. Music booked, some stalls booked, letters going out to local traders. Next meeting April 1<sup>st</sup>. This year the Church will be fully included, although exactly how is yet to be finalised. JL mentioned a couple willing to bring a barrel-organ to this or any other event.

#### 5. AOB:

- i) **Neighbourhood Plan.** Period of consultation has now ended. Meeting on April 23<sup>rd</sup> re possible objections (in the Old School) then there will be a referendum (date not yet known). PW has received an invitation from Uppingham 1<sup>st</sup> to join an ongoing group, although the function of this is not yet clear. Possibly as an advisory group for potential developers? It was felt that the response should be that if UTC would like an advisory group set up after the referendum (assuming assent is won), then PW would be interested in joining it and in the meantime would be happy to continue his involvement in the original Neighbourhood Plan group.
- ii) **Family Fun day:** LS reported that Uppingham Football Club is keen to do it again. LS has emailed Ellis's but not had a response as yet to her enquiry about whether they would wish to be involved this year. Possible dates are 13<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> July. It was agreed that it is very good news that the Football Club wish to put the event on again, and that if they are willing to organise it we would offer support. This could include some financial support, for example to help with publicity. UTP would need to be kept aware of expenses. **LS** to request permission from UTC for the use of Todd's Piece.
- iii) **Annual return to Companies House:** PW has sent this off, with the change of address to SB's house.

Meeting ended at 9pm.

**Next meeting:** Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30, Town Hall

**Please note that the AGM will be held on May 28<sup>th</sup>, 7.30, Town Hall**