

**Minutes of the Meeting of Uppingham Town Partnership,
Town Hall, Wednesday June 25th 7pm**

Present:

Marc Oxley	Business (Acting Chair)	MO
Phil Wignell	Community (Treasurer)	PW
Susie Burrows	Community (Secretary)	SB
Rachel Watt	Community/Church	RW
Carolyn Cartwright	Community	CC
Dave Casewell	Uppingham Town Council	DC
Edmund Hockley	Community	EH
Terry King	Rutland County Council	TK

1. **Apologies:** Caroline Lawson-Dick, Lucy Stephenson, Pete Rees
2. **Minutes of May meeting:** Accepted (PW proposed, DC seconded)
3. **Financial Report:** Currently a healthy figure, but PW warned that this will go down substantially over the next few weeks with the payments for Feast events including the UTP contribution, £1K for Family Fun Day and the signage money.
4. **Matters of Business:**
 - a) **Feast feedback:** We probably will spend £600+ from our own funds, in spite of the very good sponsorship we received this year – the event was bigger, better and therefore more costly. More stalls, more children’s entertainment. There has been very positive feedback. Music of a mostly high standard, and there seemed to be more people than ever before (it was agreed that it would be good to try and get numbers/where people are coming from – perhaps by taking random samples, or using tear-off feedback with a prize). A few added expenses on the day – e.g. £20 to the driver who came to collect the picnic tables which were still being used well into the evening, & drinks for the roadies. Most stall holders happy (especially the button seller) though one craft stall holder had poor sales as did the organic vegetable stalls. Both ice-cream sellers ran out, as did hog roast. No serious incidents. 2 letters of complaint: one saying that the choice of music was not suitable for a family day and was too loud, and the second that the evening music was also not suitable and noisy. One sponsor also said music should be more family-friendly. There was a feeling that the early evening music was disappointing, but that the final one was very good. And it was agreed that considering the relatively low cost we do well. Good feedback on children’s events (but a comment that the Falconry people failed to answer children’s questions). Vikings not very exciting, but cheap. Peppa Pig and facepainter excellent and circus skills good as there was no queue. Gladiators very popular. Petting ponies (who failed to show for a second time) will not be invited again. School singing & Punch and Judy very popular. Church well used. As ever, PW did a great job.
 - b) **Signage:** SB reported that the fingerposts are being put up on Monday 30th. MO still awaiting feedback about the brown signs from RCC.
 - c) **Family Fun Day:** July 13th. Volunteers for delivering flyers included MO, PW, CC, SB, EH. Marshals included MO, PW, DC, EH & SB (2 hour slots from 12 – 5). **Please would other members unable to attend the meeting contact Lucy direct.** It was assumed that the Football Club will also be supplying people to deliver flyers/marshal.

- d) **Meeting with Neil Moverly:** This will not now be happening with Neil, as he has a new job (& has also resigned from OTP). We send him our congratulations.
- e) **Tourist Board:** Unfortunately, Jay Goldmark did not take up the invitation to join. It may be that the Tourist Board becomes independent from RCC and will involve more local retailers, so hopefully UF may be able to help find a representative for Uppingham.
- f) **Libby's Feedback on Independence Day:** Apparently the take-up has been disappointing all round. Perhaps if there is more advance planning next year, we could liaise with UF on this. It was hoped that Jane Lang would be willing to come to another meeting.
- g) **106 monies/town management:** TK said that it would be very helpful if there could be a combined meeting between UTP, UF and UTC to discuss the best use of the potentially available money now that OTP & OTC have agreed the 50/50 split. **SB** to email Dave Ainslie to ask if this could be set up. TK would like to sit in on the meeting, and has said that the July 11th deadline can be extended. TK also reminded us that RCC will have the final decision on the use of the money. **TK** will send details to **SB** about what OTP & OTC would like to do with their share of the money, for **SB** to distribute.
- h) **Film Night:** The new screen is now ready for installation, and hopefully may be set up in time for our next film on July 9th. **SB** suggested we need a new publicity drive in September, and **DC** suggested a press release around the gift of the screen.

5. AOB:

- a) **LNS:** It was agreed that this should be on the agenda for our next meeting as we need to start putting plans into place for Dec 4th. **PW** has sent in road closure notices for this and other events but has not had the usual confirmation from **RCC**. **MO** reported that **OTP** paid £3.5K for someone to run theirs, but that it was felt to be too commercial. We need to find someone willing to take over the running for this year. **RW** said that the Church will take full responsibility for the Father Christmas element. It was agreed it would be very helpful to have retailers on the sub-committee – hopefully our potential new member for one. There was discussion about whether it might be better to go back to the old way of doing it, and perhaps to include the 'wrap up Sunday' element which was poorly supported last year.
- b) **First Aid:** **SB** talked to the First Aid ambulance man, **Rob**, on Feast Day and he is very happy to come and do an evening course on de-fib and basic first aid which it was agreed would be very useful indeed. **Rob** says there would not be a charge if we can provide a location but it was felt we should cover travel costs. **SB** to write to **Rob** and suggest Tuesday Sept 9th. **SB** suggested we offer any spare places to **UF** members.
- c) **Neighbourhood Plan Referendum:** July 10th. Neighbourhood Forum are planning a vote yes campaign, but it was agreed we should do anything we can to help get enough people voting – the better the turnout, the more pressure can be put on developers to comply.

NEXT MEETING: This will be the AGM, so it will begin at 7pm in the Town Hall on July 30th.