

**Meeting of Uppingham Town Partnership, Town Hall,  
Wednesday July 30<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm**

**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>
Pete Rees	Uppingham Town Council	<b>PR</b>
Dick Reeve	Uppingham Town Council	<b>DR</b>
Rachel Watts	Community/Church	<b>RW</b>
Edmund Hockley	Community	<b>EH</b>

**1. Apologies:**

Lucy Stephenson, Terry King, Caroline Lawson-Dick

**2. Minutes of meeting 25.6.14** Unanimously accepted

**3. Financial Report:**

PW reported that the £2,500 for the fingerposts is about to be paid out. Film Nights are breaking even. It is not anticipated that there will be more bills for Family Fun Day. Acceptable balance against future events. Appreciation of the summaries passed round was given.

**4. Matters of business:**

- a) **Signage update:** It was agreed that the new fingerposts blend in well with the appearance of the town. SB is in discussion with Uppingham School about their contribution. MO reported that there has been no action by RCC on the brown signs (anticipated to cost around £420), and agreed to make a personal visit to see if they could be speeded up.
- b) **Film Nights:** SB reported that the new screen makes an amazing difference to the films. A budget of a maximum of £400 was unanimously agreed (proposed by EH, seconded by SB) to launch the new film season with the official opening of the cinema screen on September 10<sup>th</sup>. This budget should cover flyers, a glass of fizz for each customer and the 'cutting of the ribbon' ceremony by Andrew Robinson. The flyer should include the option to send email addresses in to a Film Nights email so that people can opt in to the reminder emails that are sent out monthly by SB. DC to put out a press release about the 'grand opening'.
- c) **Advertising in Rutland Leaflets:** It was agreed that this is not relevant for UTP as it is for business adverts, and DC will forward it to Upp 1<sup>st</sup>.
- d) **106 monies for town management update:** Pleasure was expressed that a meeting is to be held between UTC, UTP & Upp 1<sup>st</sup> and that one option may be to split the money for differing uses. SB reported that Dave Ainsley suggested some dates in July for which she was not available, and that we are awaiting further dates at the end of the summer now that there is no longer pressure for a specific deadline. We note the Council's 123/14 resolution regarding the three way meeting and appreciate their agreement that this should happen.
- e) **Millenium Cycle Route Extension:** MO reported that the road route will be extended from Preston to Uppingham in November (though it was felt that the spring might be better?) MO will suggest that it be re-routed via Ayston as a better option. The possibility of an event to tie in with this was mentioned.

- f) **125/14 & 123/14 UTC resolutions:** We look forward to receiving the promised invitation to join with Upp 1<sup>st</sup> in the benchmarking exercise, as agreed in Council. We anticipate receiving this by the next meeting, when we can discuss the information that will no doubt come with the invitation. If it has not been received by then, it was agreed that the question would be referred back to the Council. The 123/14 resolution was discussed above in (d).
- g) **First Aid session September 9<sup>th</sup>, 7.30 – 9.30 Town Hall:** SB requested a list of names of those wishing/able to attend. MO, EH, RW, DC, SB & LS so far – could anyone not present let me know if they would like to attend please? Rob can take 8 – 10 people, so it was agreed that **SB** will offer any spare places to Uppingham in Bloom, Uppingham First, Uppingham Football Club and the Church.

5. **AOB:**

- I) **LNS:** After useful discussion, it was agreed that **SB** will write to all local retailers later in August (& hand deliver the letters) with an RSVP date inviting them to attend a meeting in the Town Hall on Sept 4<sup>th</sup> to establish what they would most like to happen. (RW offered help with printing). One suggestion was that stalls are reduced or not used if the shops would like to offer enticements to people visiting them and shopping in them – perhaps a theme. We could then not close the High Street, but only the Market Place for the rides. RW has said that the Church can take full responsibility for Santa Claus, and there could still be a craft fair in the Town Hall (which would ensure footfall along the High Street). There could be specifically ‘Christmassy’ stalls in the Market Place. It was commented that LNS was very popular with the town, and it would be very good to get traders on board. We will need someone to head the subcommittee. **DC** to put out a press release about the meeting.
- II) **Website:** Disappointment was expressed that there is still no progress on an improved website. Alistair has asked MO for copies of the web pages. It was agreed that **PW** will ask Alistair if he would be willing to set up an entirely new website from scratch, for the fee of £600 agreed at an earlier meeting.
- III) **Press releases:** **DC** will put out the appropriate press releases at the correct times.
- IV) **Family Fun Day:** It was unanimously agreed that Family Fun Day had gone very well, and thanks to Lucy were expressed for doing a very good job at a very difficult time.

**Meeting ended 8.40pm**

**NB: Notice has already been given that our next meeting on Wednesday August 27<sup>th</sup> is the AGM, and will therefore start at 7pm rather than 7.30pm**