

**Minutes of the meeting of Uppingham Town Partnership  
Town Hall, Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2014 7.30pm**

**Present:**

Dave Casewell	Uppingham Town Council (Chair)	<b>DC</b>
Susie Burrows	Community (Secretary)	<b>SB</b>
Dick Reeve	Uppingham Town Council (Vice Chair)	<b>DR</b>
Caroline Lawson-Dick	Uppingham School	<b>CLD</b>
Carolyn Cartwright	Community	<b>CC</b>
Marc Oxley	Business	<b>MO</b>
Lucy Stephenson	Rutland County Council	<b>LS</b>
Pete Rees	Uppingham Town Council	<b>PR</b>

1. **Apologies:** Phil Wignell, Rachel Watts, James Lammie, Terry King, Edmund Hockley
2. **Minutes of the meeting of 27<sup>th</sup> August:** Chair was in fact DC, and Andy Wylie is a PCSO. With these corrections, the minutes were accepted by all who had been present.
3. **Financial report:** This was circulated in advance of the meeting in PW's absence, and was unanimously accepted
4. **Election of directors:** MO proposed that both SB and PW should remain as directors, and this was seconded by LS and unanimously agreed
5. **Matters of business:**
  - a) **Updated outline proposal for 106 monies:** DC had prepared an updated summary which was circulated to all prior to the meeting. With the exclusion of one paragraph which was not felt to be strictly relevant, this was unanimously agreed after its acceptance was proposed by PR & seconded by DR. **SB to send to UTC.**
  - b) **Statement of aims for the website:** SB suggested the use of the brief statement at the beginning of the Memorandum of Association. With the wording made more user-friendly, this was agreed. **SB to forward the modified version to MO**
  - c) **Website update:** this was deferred until the next meeting when PW would be present
  - d) **Brown signs update:** MO reported that the final figure is £720, and that the contractors have been notified. We are not being charged for the design fee. We are not able to re-use the old signs for the Glaston Road entrance to the town. **MO to keep an eye on progress**
  - e) **Issue of domain name:** It was unanimously agreed that we very much hope to be able to use our correct domain name in due course, and hope that when an opportunity arises we will be able to change the situation
  - f) **Film Night update:** SB reported an excellent turn out for our new screen opening, with a very good atmosphere. It was agreed that putting flyers throughout the town was very worthwhile. In November there is to be a silent movie with pianist, as an 'extra' event. Next film is Calvary on Oct 8th
  - g) **125/14 & 123/14 resolution update:** DC reported that Uppingham First are as yet still to have a board meeting to discuss this but we anticipate being invited to become involved in due course
  - h) **Christmas in Uppingham Dec 4<sup>th</sup>:** (formerly known as late night shopping). SB said that the meetings with retailers have gone really well and we are hoping for a great night, building on the work that LS has put in over the past few years. Thanks to the generosity of Bhupendra

& Pragna from Ashdales, & some successful negotiation on price, the central event in the Market Place will be a skating rink. Stalls are to be restricted to the Market Place and the food stalls to the far end of the High Street (near the Town Hall) which has meant more retailers are prepared to open and that the High Street won't be fully closed until 4pm. Free performing artists to go into shops to encourage people to move around the town are to be given a bed for the night by Glyn at the Crown. The craft market is already full and may overflow – along with some entertainment – into the Methodist Hall to get people going to shops along Orange Street. Hopefully there can be some form of official light switch-on, probably by the carol-singing, santa-hat wearing Dalek. SB asked DC if the morris men might be able to do the mummings play. Potentially various choirs will sing, and there will be street entertainers as well as children's activities and Father Christmas in the Church/Church Hall. The UTP banners will be used

- i) **First aid course:** this was agreed to be very useful, and something we could do again in the future
- j) **Retailer on UTP:** It was agreed that this would be a very useful addition. Unfortunately the person who was going to join is no longer in a position to do so. Might be that some of those involved in Christmas in Uppingham could become involved. It was commented upon that we do not seem to have any young people attending our meetings this year.

6. **AOB:** None

The meeting ended at 8.05pm.

**The next meeting is on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 in the Town Hall**