

MINUTES OF UTP MEETING 28 JANUARY 2015 7.30 TOWN HALL.

Present: David Casewell Chair/Acting Minute Secretary (DC), Phil Wignall (PW), Marc Oxley (MO), James Lammie (JL), Bhupendra Patel(BP), Abigail Hadden(AH), Abigail Lovering(AL), Caroline Lawson-Dick(CLD), Miranda Jones (MJ) .

In attendance: Marg Webb (RCC)

1. Apologies and Welcomes

- **Apologies:** Susie Burrows, Rachel Watts, Dick Reeve, Edmund Hockley, Pete Rees, Terry King, Lucy Stephenson, Paul Beque
- **Welcomes :** Abigail Hadden, Abigail Lovering (Rutland Youth Council) Bhupendra Patel (new business member) Miranda Jones(Uppingham School Hospitality Manager-replacing Caroline-Lawson-Dick)

2. Minutes of Meeting Nov 26 2014

- Approved

3 Matters Arising not on Agenda

- Fairtrade Fortnight: Feb 23 to March 8. AH/AL explained they had attended Rutland FT group who are organising coffee event in OAKHAM Feb 28. Agreed to look at possibility of Charity Stall in Market Square Sat March 07, using support from County group. ACTION MO to liaise with Mary Lloyd, Caroline Cartwright, Church, Rutland Group. DC to check availability of charity stall with Clerk
- Brown Tourist Signs. Despite best endeavours by MO an invoice still awaited from RCC

4. Financial Report

- Presented by PW
- Current healthy position, providing sufficient emergency reserves and funds to book activities prior to funds arriving.

5. Matters of business

5a. Town Plan

- Town Plan working group have invited Phil Wignall to represent UTP on this group. PW does not wish to be involved due to time pressures. Meeting queried legal status of the outcome of the Plan, parameters and funding. Not opposed to taking part, but felt more details were required before nominating. **ACTION DC** to circulate initial minutes to see if they answer these questions. Further discuss at February meeting

5b. Section 106 funding plan.

- Meeting expressed its dismay at the lack of support given by UTC over their proposal to use this funding stream to provide some paid admin support for event planning. In spite of comments made at the meeting and elsewhere, volunteer fatigue is very real, and not helped by the expressed attitude of UTC
- UTP aware that this linked to Sainsbury development, which now looks unlikely , but were disappointed with the UTC outcome in principle
- Possibility that this proposal be re- presented to UTC in 6 months. An opportunity to reconsider!
- Section 106 to be kept on the agenda in order to receive updates from RCC as appropriate.

5c. Web site

- PW/MO have met with Web Developer Alistair Bell. £600 contract. Press release soon to ask Uppingham organisations to give contact details for site.
- **ACTION PW/MO** to ask AB to present site to date at February meeting.

5d. Film Nights

- Still very successful. 40+ attended January screening. Congratulations to working group.
- Screenings planned for 2nd Wed in month: feb/march/april
- Film nights running on small surplus

- Meeting agreed to receive costings at next meeting for additional blinds in Town Hall to cover door windows, which currently have to be taped over at each showing

5e. Youth Council members.

- Meeting welcomed Abigail Hadden and Abigail Lovering both from Rutland Youth Council and studying at UCC
- Agreed to use RCC as email contact
- Discussion followed about their contribution to UTP's activities. They agreed to consult with contemporaries and contacts on all the activities of the Partnership , and specifically on
 - Fair Trade
 - Film Night
 - Feast Day
 - Web site/Twitter

5f. Christmas in Uppingham 2014

- SB's report previously circulated.
- Congratulations to the organising group. Considered to be the best to date. Special thanks to BP for his help and support
- BP Indicated that 2015 planning already under way. Trying to share out responsibilities more evenly. Parking proved an issue for 2014
- PW reported a small surplus for the event following generous support from Town's businesses

5g. 2015 Events

- Brocante: taking a break. Will be re considered at a future date
- Feast. Planned for June 21.
 - Initial planning meeting took place 27 January.
 - Encouraging new members
 - PW/DC to keep UTP board updated
 - Meeting agreed unanimously to allocate £5K as "backup"
- Christmas in Uppingham
 - BP reported that initial meeting has taken place
 - Very keen that as many businesses as possible are encouraged to help
- Family Fun Day: TBC
- Possible Youth Council event TBC ACTION AH/AL
- Possible cycling/footpath event TBC ACTION MO

6 Any other Business

- Possible use of Cory Trust monies to provide Uppingham Town pictorial sign .Also further use of Cory Funding ACTION MO to bring details to next meeting.
- Heritage finger post at Todd's Piece bent. Uppingham School "volunteered" to repair ACTION MJ
- Uppingham in Bloom have made informal contact for support. UTP would need formal proposal. Brief input at meeting would be helpful
- PW made request that web site be monthly agenda item. After much discussion and specific input from AH/AL it was agreed that Twitter account more forward thinking than Facebook! ACTION MO to set up UTP twitter account.

7. Date of next Meeting/s

- 25 Feb, 25 March, 29 April and subsequent last Wednesdays in the month.