

**Minutes of the meeting of Uppingham Town Partnership
Town Hall, February 25th 2015**

Present:

Dave Casewell	Uppingham Town Council (Chair)	DC
Phil Wignell	Community (Treasurer)	PW
Susie Burrows	Community (Secretary)	SB
Marc Oxley	Business (Vice Chair)	MO
Pete Rees	Uppingham Town Council	PW
Dick Reeve	Uppingham Town Council	DR
Miranda Jones	Business/School	MJ
Rachel Watts	Community/Church	RW
Alistair Bell		

- 1. Apologies:** Lucy Stephenson, Bhupendra Patel, James Lammie, Paul Becque, Edmund Hockley

5 c): Website update: In the interests of enabling Alistair to leave promptly, he was invited to demonstrate the new website at the beginning of the meeting. It was agreed by all that this looks excellent and is easily accessible. Several people will shortly be trained to load information on to the website (including the Football Club), and MO will be responsible for updates. The address will remain www.theuppinghamtownpartnership.org.uk. It was agreed that the new website should use the modernised version of our logo as created for the Twitter a/c by MJ which was unanimously agreed to be ideal in style and colour.

Alistair asked that all UTP members access the new website via soplus.co.uk and check for any alterations. These should be forwarded to MO on marcoxley@aol.com within the next week. Grateful thanks were given to Alistair for the new website.

- 2. Minutes from the January meeting:** These were accepted with the proviso we double check whether the 106 money is entirely dependent on Sainsburys rather than Hawksmead. It is noted that the paperwork for the brown signs has now been received.
- 3. Financial Report:** PW provided the usual clearly laid out financial report and the meeting was pleased to note that the bank balance remains healthy. PW asked the meeting to confirm that our annual insurance of £356.24 (same as last year) should be paid. DC proposed, MO seconded and that was agreed. PW also reported that it is necessary to put in an immediate request to UTC for funding for Feast Day of £787 (a similar sum to that being allocated by UTP). It was unanimously agreed that PW should put in the application as it stands.
- 4. Town Centre & Business Zone Plan:** It was unanimously agreed that we do need a representative from UTP. RW kindly volunteered, which seems a particularly suitable choice as she lives in the town centre and can represent community and Church interests. DC proposed we accept the offer, SB seconded. Unanimous. RW was thanked for offering.

5. Matters of Business:

- a) **Fairtrade Fortnight:** MO reported that along with Mary Lloyd he will be showing a DVD and offering coffee and cake & a raffle in the Church on Saturday. **DC & PR** volunteered to help move furniture. **SB** offered to make a cake, as has **LS**
- b) **106 monies:** it was agreed that this be kept on the agenda month by month.
- c) **Website:** discussed at the opening of the meeting
- d) **Film Night update:** there was good support for the February film. There had been some discussion about whether it was possible to show two films per month, but it was agreed that as the current arrangement is so successful it should remain. Jannet will be writing to the Co-op on behalf of Film Night to ask for sponsorship for refreshments as they have shown interest in helping. It was agreed that Film Night is a credit to UTP & the sub team.
- e) **Feast Day update:** 10 people present at the last meeting, and plenty of enthusiasm/new ideas. Chris has been asking if shops want to be actively involved – e.g. doing a charity stall as Ashdales did last year. The idea of using Todd's Piece has been raised (with perhaps a demonstration on the new skateboard area). MJ offered to become involved, and idea which was welcomed. The chair is being rotated at each meeting, and Paul Becque has volunteered to co-ordinate the day which has been gratefully received.
- f) **Other possible events:** the idea of incorporating Family Fun day with Feast Day has been raised. This needs to be discussed with LS. The idea was raised at the last meeting of supporting a Youth Council event but as the two members were not present this will be discussed at a later date. There was some discussion about an event to launch the newly extended cycle track. Concerns were expressed about the safety of the new pathway as it ends at the very busy A.47 with no safe way to cross in place. The suggestion was made that we write to RCC expressing concern (though realising the practical difficulties). RW proposed, MJ seconded. With one abstention, it was agreed that **DC** would write to RCC (Dave Brown) and cc ward members & Alan Duncan.
- g) **Cory pictorial sign sponsorship:** 3 villages have had sponsorship for signs. After discussion, it was agreed that **MO** would ask Uppingham in Bloom if they would like to apply, with support from UTP. **MO** also to check on the missing brown sign.
- h) **Twitter a/c:** this is now up and running. **MJ** will add tweets after meetings. The hashtag is @upptownpartners so please put it to good use.

6. AOB:

- i) **Nominet:** In order to resolve the confusion of domain names, it was agreed that we write to Nominet concerning the confusing duplication of web addresses. **SB** to email.

The meeting ended at 9pm. The next meeting will be on March 25th 7.30 Town Hall