

Minutes of Uppingham Town partnership meeting
Town Hall Wednesday March 25th

1 Present Miranda Jones (MJ), Terry King (TK), Phil Wignell (PW) Lucy Stephenson (LS), Dick Reeve (DR) ,Mark Oxley (MO), Paul Beque (PB), Dave Casewell-Chair (DC) .

Apologies: James Lammie , Susie Burrows .

MO agreed to act as Minute Taker in the absence of Susie Burrows

2.The minutes from the meeting of 25th February were approved

Matters arising, not on the Agenda.

a. Concerns with regards crossing A47.

DC and MO wrote to RCC Highways department and asked them to consider creating a safe crossing point at the A47 where it meets the new cycle path to Preston. The highways department have reported it will be assessed on a needs basis and will need written support from the Town council and Ward members.

b. Town Sign - Uppingham in Bloom hope to be taking it forward.

c.. The Twitter account now has 84 followers and it's proving very successful. Thanks to MJ for organising it.

3.Financial report.

We now have Internet banking MO and LS will be the two other signatories.

4.Update from the town centre business zone plan working group. Rachel's nomination has been accepted by the group.

5. Website update. The new website is now online and MO will be trained to operate it along with the two outside organisations who have been allocated a page (Uppingham Football Club and Uppingham In Bloom) MJ is to send the web designer the Twitter link so we can have live Twitter links from the site.

TK reported Stamford and Oakham town partnerships are also building websites using money from the Welland partnerships. They will be split into two parts- retail and social. Google Reps are signing up businesses to create walk-through shops on the websites. It was reported UF are planning similar for Uppingham shops.

6. Fair trade fortnight. MO reported event in Uppingham Church was a success and £110 was raised.

7. Sec 106 monies. TK reported it has stalled for a while but is still “not dead”.

8. Film night update There were 98 at March's "Gone Girl" which was capacity. The April film is "Pride".

TK asked that PW send to Robert Clayton (RCC) details of income generated and attendance data. DC congratulated the organising team and also MJ for the publicity generated by Twitter.

9. Feast day update. The partnership commended progress to date. The use of Todd's piece is being explored. The committee are hoping to build on 2014 and the new team have got some excellent new ideas. These are yet to be finalised, and the Partnership looked forward to a final picture with planning milestones.

Anglian Water are doing far more commercial events so there is a need for some liaison, and that the "Discover Rutland" website is updated with the feast details. Contact : wkirstein@angliawater.co.uk

10. Incorporating Family Fun Day into the Feast Day. This may split the crowd but the partnership are happy with either option. Permission to use Todd's Piece will be on the Town council agenda for next Wednesday's meeting.

11. "Christmas In Uppingham" event Following the success of last years, preliminary planning is well underway for this years. Bhupinder was to attend a meeting of the event team and we will wait for a report at the next meeting. The partnership was pleased to hear a positive start has been made. PB and MJ volunteered to help. MJ has expertise in Event management.

12. Nominet update – deferred to next meeting.

13 . Date of next meeting: Wednesday 29 April Town Hall 7.30pm