

UPPINGHAM FIRST

Community Partnership

Chair: Mark Shaw Executive Director: Ron Simpson BEM

Uppingham Webcam



Uppingham Hopper

Minutes of a Board Meeting held at 12.30pm on Thursday April 25th 2024 in The Falcon Hotel

In Attendance

Business Directors: Edward Baines, Kath Gilbert and Ron Simpson BEM

Community Director: Mark Shaw (Chair)

Statutory Sector Directors: Lucy Stephenson (Local Government) and Geoff Thompson (Education)

1. Apologies for Absence

Business Directors: Damon Le Geyt, Nick Townsend and James Torbell

Community Directors: Trevor Colbourne and Janet Thompson BEM

Statutory Sector Director: John Leslie (Health and Wellbeing)

Community Liaison: Christine Edwards

2. Declarations of Interest

Board member interests in various businesses, councils, charities and community groups within the town and the county were noted.

3. To Consider expressions of interest in the role of Vice Chair

It was agreed that the position would be filled at the next meeting of the board (the 2024 AGM) to allow for any further expressions of interest.

4. Minutes of a Board Meeting held on February 13th 2024

Circulated and approved as a true record.

5. Matters Arising

None.

6. Executive Director's Report

- a) **2023 Final Accounts** – Following their preparation by the company's new accountant, and distribution to the board, it was unanimously resolved that these be signed and submitted to HMRC/CH
- b) **Finance and Budget Update** - In accordance with insurance requirements, transactions for the period February 10th to April 24th 2024 were witnessed and signed by an attending director. Current bank balance was £11,929.42 (Incorporates the Hopper, UNF, Rutland Lottery, Project, Event, VAT and Defibrillator funds). Credit Card balance was £435.95. Key out turns to date in the 2024 Budget were revealed as :- **LNS** - £1000 **Stilton Cheese Run** + £1600 **Feast** +£870 **Hopper** -£3498 **Insurance** - £2566+Feast
- c) **Legal Matter: LNS 2023** – Executive Director (ED) Ron Simpson BEM updated board members on the latest developments regarding LNS 2023. Following further discussion on the legal, social and financial consequences of the issue it was again agreed that the remaining funds be retained to address future liabilities and UF costs.
- d) **Uppingham Webcam** – The ED reported that an IT specialist was to review the camera installation on May 7th 2024.

7. Social and Economic Forums

- a) **Neighbourhood Forum** – Notes of a public meeting of the Forum held on April 4th 2024 were received
- b) **Vanguard Board** – A verbal report on a very well attended meeting of the Vanguard Board held earlier today, April 4th, was received. It was noted that the next meeting of the Vanguard Board

would include attendance by Healthwatch. A meeting with developers regarding a proposed Uppingham Bypass was planned for late May.

8. Planning, Environment and Economic Development Matters

- a) **Uppingham Post Office** – The ED updated board members on the progress being made by Robin Bromiley with a view to securing a new lease on the post office building. Four new Post Persons had expressed interest in succeeding Robin. Discussions continue.
- b) **Uppingham Neighbourhood Plan** – The ED reported on the issues that had emerged from the Independent Examiner's hearing of the Neighbourhood Plan. A further 3 months' work was now envisaged.

9. Health and Wellbeing

- a) **Dementia Project** – In the absence of Health and Wellbeing lead John Leslie, the ED presented a short update on the planned launch of National Dementia Awareness Week 2024 and the Uppingham event being planned for Monday May 13th 2024.

10. Community Transport

- a) **Uppingham Hopper** – The board were presented with the current funding position of the Hopper.

11. Events

- a) **Uppingham Feast 2024** – Work is now underway on this year's Feast event. The date has been set for June 23rd 2024 with Directors Lucy Stephenson and James Torbell leading on its organisation.
- b) **Stilton Classic Vehicle Run** – Held on Sunday April 21st 2024 the Run has been judged a great success with very positive driver feedback and 150 cars participating.
- c) **Christmas Late Night Shopping 2024** – It was noted that the partnership's application for a road closure for 2024 had been approved.

12. Any Other Business

Chair Mark Shaw raised the need for debate to create a legacy around having more Uppingham 'attractors' be it an Uppingham Sausage Roll, art installation(s) or something else. This would further strengthen Uppingham 'on the map' and contribute to creating a positive image for the town, generating additional tourism and making a statement that Uppingham is a centre of excellence for arts, crafts, sculptures etc. Such an initiative would help create employment, promote vibrancy, attract new businesses and expand what is already here.

13. Date of Next Meeting - To be advised.

Notes distributed: 9.5.2024

Copies to: social and economic partners; local and national government; media

Uppingham First is the 'all sector' Community Partnership for Uppingham which brings together the voices of community, business and statutory sector representatives. It incorporated as a limited company in January 2009. The objects for which the company was established are, "To protect and promote the interests of Uppingham Town helping to sustain its vitality and economic viability ensuring it remains an attractive place to live work and play."

Uppingham First is a member of Live & Local, the national charity Locality, and the Community Transport Association (CTA) and administers the Uppingham Business Forum and the Uppingham Neighbourhood Forum.

The partnership provides social and administrative support to a large number of residents and community groups and has helped deliver a wide of projects including Digital Uppingham, the Uppingham Webcam, the Rutland Lottery, the Uppingham Defibrillator Network, the Uppingham Hopper, UppWatch, Neighbourhood Watch and the Community Emergency Plan. It also supports the innovative Uppingham Vanguard Board which brings together developers, landowners, town and county councillors, schools and other agencies pertinent to the future development of Uppingham.

Events supported this year include the Midlands Women's Awards, the Stilton Cheese Run, Uppingham Feast Day, Social Sundays, the Round Rutland Run and Christmas Late Night Shopping.

The company is financially sound with grants and donations having been received from a wide range of sources including residents, businesses, community groups, national and local government, Locality and the National Lottery.

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