



UPPINGHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM



Minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting of the Executive Committee Uppingham Neighbourhood Forum - Thursday August 26th 2021 The Falcon Hotel, Uppingham Commencing at 6.45pm

In Attendance

David Ainslie BEM (Limes, Firs & Spurs) Trevor Colbourne (TERA), Christine Edwards (E J Toon Charitable Trust), David Greengrass (Methodist Church), Mark Shaw (BRA), Margaret Simpson BEM (Rotary), Ron Simpson BEM (Neighbourhood Watch), Sue Streeter (WI), Tony Streeter (Uppingham in Bloom), Janet Thompson BEM (Chair) (Brownies, Guides and Church).

1. Chair's opening remarks

Janet welcomed everyone to the meeting saying how pleased she was that colleagues could all be together once again. The meeting would be short and succinct as the full public AGM followed at 7.30pm.

2. Apologies for absence

Andrew Mankowski

3. Declaration of Interests

The business, council and community sector interests of colleagues were noted.

4. 2020/21 Covid Actions

RS reported on the community support arrangements organised by the Forum during the pandemic. In addition to all the work undertaken by volunteers through UppWatch, the Forum had been successful in organising a number of online meetings including a PCC Candidate Hustings and a Valentine Night musical evening. Forum members had continued to help operate a community transport service during the pandemic with the Uppingham Hopper transporting passengers to the surgery and high street while delivering medicines for Boots and collecting food for the Rutland Foodbank.

5. Matters Arising

None

6. To acknowledge UNF Executive Member BEM Awards and EMWA 2021 Nominations

Executive members were pleased to note that the public recognition afforded to the work of the Forum and its lead members. Janet Thompson and Margaret Simpson had both been awarded BEMs for their voluntary sector work. It was also a pleasure that guide leader Helen Swift had been nominated for the East Midlands Women's Awards this year.

7. 2021 Annual Report, Accounts and Financial Update

RS reported on successful year with an UppShop grant being received from the Coop Community Fund, joint working with Rotary in Uppingham on its UppShop programme and the production and delivery of a number of newsletters. The Annual accounts were approved with expenditure of £2415 and income of £3167. Current bank balance was noted as £520. The work of the Forum was to be featured in a combined Annual Report prepared by the Uppingham First Community Partnership and delivered to every household in the town.

8. To nominate a Chair/Vice Chair for 2021/22

Agreed as: -

- a) Chair – Janet Thompson BEM
- b) Vice Chair - Mark Shaw

9. To elect/re-elect an UNF nominee to the board of Uppingham First

Given the absence of any other nominees, the three UNF nominees to the board of Uppingham First were again agreed as David Ainslie BEM, Mark Shaw and Janet Thompson BEM.

10. To elect/confirm UNF nominees to the Uppingham Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Group

Agreed as Janet Thompson and Tony Streeter

11. To consider: -

- a) Uppingham Community Emergency Plan – It was agreed that this required updating to establish stronger links with the education sector and LLRF primary partners. Emergency Committee to action for 2022
- b) UppWatch (Incorporating Neighbourhood Watch) – It was noted that to the credit of the volunteers involved, UppWatch had continued to operate throughout the pandemic in contrast to many other public services and charities that had essentially shut down
- c) Rutland Neighbourhood Watch CIC – The deteriorating position of this CIC was noted. It was agreed that the Forum should keep N Watch alive in Uppingham, supported by its individual schemes, which should all continue to register with the national N Watch organisation to keep their public liability insurance in force
- d) Member organisation updates – The hard work undertaken by all involved in Uppingham in Bloom was noted and every success wished for 2021. *(Note the achievement of a Gold Award subsequent to the date of the meeting.)*

12. To approve updated Data Management and Safeguarding Policies

Unchanged and approved.

13. To appoint the Forum Coordinator for 2021/22

Ron Simpson was appointed for 2021/22

A Public AGM of the Forum was held at 7.30pm.

Ron Simpson BEM
Co-ordinator
3.10.2021