**Uppingham Town Council, DRAFT Minutes of the Amenities Committee – 17th November 2021 (**Meeting commenced at 6.30pm)

1. **Welcome and apologies**

**Present:** Miranda Jones (Chair), Richard Reeve, David Casewell, Liz Clarke, Tom Johnson. Pete Rees, Charlie Pallett. **Apologies:** Steve Rozak, Cornelius Vincent-Enright (email)

Miranda Jones welcomed Charlie Pallett to her first meeting of the amenities committee.

1. **Declaration of Members Interests and Requests for Dispensation:** None received.
2. **Minutes of the Amenities Committee held on 12th October 2021  
   Resolution:** It was proposed by Peter Rees, seconded by Liz Clarke and unanimously agreed that these be approved.
3. **An opportunity for the public to speak.**  None present
4. **To receive an update on the Market Place Toilet Project.**

The Clerk gave an overview of events regarding the proposed change of ownership of the Market Square toilets from Rutland County Council (RCC). She had contacted RCC planning department to see if a further planning application was required due to a slight change in the proposed plans. This was still awaited. Written confirmation had been received in respect of RCC’s commitment from S106 funding and an ongoing decreasing revenue support over 5 years. The Community Infrastructure Levy (CiL) champion for RCC combined projects (Pete Rees) would be working on this going forward.

**Report noted and received.**

1. **To receive an update on the progress of CiL Champions.**

**RCC combined Projects**.

Pete Rees was working on this as above, also a meeting had been set in early December with RCC to discuss Baines and Dairy Corner.

**Footpaths/cycleways.**

Dave Casewell was working on this and was trying to set up an on site meeting to discuss the issues with RCC Highways. There was an issue with Lorries/vans parking on the pavements, and the south side of the High Street was deteriorating depreciably worse than the north. Raised pavements and drainage were discussed as ideas.

The Clerk would also contact RCC to request a meeting take place.

**Education.**

Liz Clarke reported that UCC were happy with the CiL monies awarded in respect of the Drama seating. There had no been no further correspondence received from Leighfield and the Church of England School. Work had been progressed on the Youth Hub and a bid had been submitted for funding. It was suggested that the Youth Council at RCC be approached.

It was noted that this was very early days in the champions work but a full report would be made to Council as things progressed.

**Reports noted and received**

1. **To receive an update from the Clerk on Town Hall Maintenance requirements**

The Clerk referred to the paperwhich had previouslybeen sent to members of the committee highlighting various areas of maintenance required. After a discussion it was suggested that maybe a Town Hall Champion should be considered in addition to the other CiL champions. This would be a future agenda item for Full Council to consider.

**Update received and noted**

1. **To receive an update on Welcome Back Funding**.

The clerk gave an overview on the spend so far allocated on this area of expenditure. There were some additional funds that could be utilized for the purchase of “café barriers “ previously deferred due to lack of funds.

**Update received and noted.**

1. **To consider ways in which we could maximize the income of the Town Hall**

The Clerk had previously circulated some ideas on possible revenue streams, including the letting of the members room which was largely empty on a regular basis. The Town Hall although well used had space at weekends for functions. She shared with members an initial conversation with a proposed hirer for consideration. Members asked and received clarification on this, which the Clerk gave.

Members were keen to think of new innovative ideas regarding the review of the charging

structures but accepted that this was the remit of Finance and General Purposes committee. (F& GP)The Clerk would agenda this and bring forward the thoughts of the committee to the next F&GP committee.

**The meeting closed at 7.25pm**