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| **Report No. 13** | **Date of Meeting:** **14th February 2024** |

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| **OAKHAM TOWN COUNCIL** |

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| **Report Authors:** **Cllr Joyce Lucas** | **Title: Cllr Mrs. J Lucas** |
| **Subject A vision for the future**  |
| **Strategic Aims:** 1. **Ensure that Oakham remains a viable and pleasant environment in which to live, work and play.**
2. **Promote the town as an attractive place to visit and stay**

A VISION FOR THE FUTURETogether we can achieve more.(Lions International slogan)Just a few suggestions.:-1. Make more of the Mayor Making Ceremony. Invite the Press and the Public. If you are nominated, ask yourself “Do I have the experience and capability to manage the role effectively?”
2. Work closely with other agencies. I.e. Oakham in Bloom, The Access Group, Schools, The History Group and RCC.
3. Print leaflets “What’s on in Oakham “and distribute them around Rutland Water Car Parks. This can be done by members on their way to Stamford, events (Ploughing Match,) Bird Watching .
4. Reinstate Oakham Carnival.
5. Add more Blue Plaques. (do you know the name of the Orchestral Conductor and where he lived) or where did Titus Oates live?
6. Form a Youth Council to shadow what we do.
7. Poster Competition for schools.
8. Shop Window Competition.
9. Appoint a “Footpaths member” to make sure that any new build doesn’t interfere with Rights of Way paths.
10. Make more use of our Town Crier.
11. Hold regular Counsellors’ Surgeries.
12. Include Willow Crescent Play area in our deliberations for an upgrade. It’s no use saying “it not used” …it never will be used when it is in such a poor state.
13. Plant more trees in Royce Recreation Ground.

13) Consult with the youngsters who use the skateboard park in Cutts Close. Most cannot get to an out of town area.1. Above all avoid dipping into reserves.
2. Have a rolling programme for an upgrade of public seats.
3. Have a rolling programme for replacement of litter bins.

**I am sure members will have more ideas to add. Remember we will be setting the budget very soon.****Please, please take this as a positive lead and help our town to thrive.****Joyce Lucas** |