

YATE & DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Friday October 12th 2012 at 7.30pm in Poole Court

There were 20 members present:

1. **Welcome:** The Chairman, Ruth Boulton, welcomed those present.
2. **Apologies for absence were received from 9 members**
3. **Minutes of the 2011 A.G.M.**

Proposed as a true record by WP and seconded by LW **Agreed**

4. **Matters arising:** none

5. **Reports by 2011/12 Officers:**

Treasurer: the audited accounts of the Association were made available, IB explained that there had been a change of auditor: C. Demery (YTC Finance Officer) had audited the accounts as Vic Heathfield had now moved away. IB gave notice of a change needed for the 2013 AGM: we will not be able to use the word "auditor" unless that person is properly qualified as an auditor. IB then proposed that the accounts for 2012 be adopted. This was seconded by MP and carried unanimously.

Secretary: a written report was circulated – there were no questions or comments.

Chairman: RB highlighted the visit from Germany in March and the very enjoyable coach trip to Germany in August. In June there had been the Presentation at Brimsham Green School: this year the Twinning Association Award for International Understanding was presented to the Sixth Form Group who were visiting a school in Uganda. RB then asked PP to report on the Association website: members are asked to look carefully at the website and make suggestions for input.

Thanks: WP proposed a vote of thanks for the reports – carried unanimously.

6. **Election of 2012/13 Officers**

Martin Monk *took the Chair as Hon. President*

The following were proposed, seconded and being unopposed duly elected:

Chairman	Ruth Boulton
Vice-Chairman	Martin Monk
Treasurer	Ian Blair
Secretary	Alan Spiller

7. Election of 2012/13 Management Committee (Ruth Boulton took the chair)

The following were proposed, seconded and being unopposed duly elected.

Mike Pearce	Rick Boulton
Gill Latham	Rafael Pepiol
Kath Williams	Sue Walker
Gordon Williams	Wulstan Perks
Lesley Killock	Pam Pearce
Nigel Ellis	David Hardill

8. Appointment of Auditor for 2012/13

This was left in abeyance: a new auditor to be appointed by the committee as soon as possible.

9. Address by 2012/13 Chairperson

Ruth Boulton gave notice that she would not be seeking re-election at the next AGM. Ruth then spoke about the 2013 visit from Bad Salzdetfurth: it is being planned for the end of April – a coach will collect our visitors from Stansted Airport and bring them to Yate, collecting them a week later on its return from Cornwall. The Yate Association will be organising the trips for our visitors – the numbers are as yet unknown (but could include some from Kelbra)

10. Subscriptions for 2012/13:

The treasurer indicated that no change would be necessary

Any other business

(a) IB has DVDs of the August Visit for sale at £1 – it will also be put on U-Tube

(b) It was proposed by PP and generally agreed that where possible E-mail be used to circulate documents for future AGMs.

(c) WP asked to record thanks to Arthur Adams, who had passed away recently.

(d) Members are invited to attend the Remembrance Service at St Mary's Church on 11th November at 10 am.

(e) PS distributed copies of the Twinning Newsletter: this will be available for distribution as publicity in local libraries, council offices, etc, as well as by e-mail to members.

Date of next Annual General Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Friday 18th October 2013, with the planning meeting the following morning – both in Poole Court.

The meeting closed at: 20:05