

YATE & DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on
Friday October 17th 2014 7.00p.m. at Poole Court

24 members present:

1. The Chairman Martin Monk Thanked everybody for coming to the AGM and said how good it was to see some new members attending.
2. Apologies for absence were received from: Reg and Marion Humphreys, Linda Ellis and Mary Perks
3. Minutes of the 2013 Annual General Meeting - Proposed as a true record by W.P. and R.P.
4. Matters arising: Request was made for the year to be included in the date and secretary apologised for some misspelling of some names of those present.
5. Reports by the 2013/2014 officers:
Treasurer: A copy of the audited accounts handed to all present, and opportunity given for questions but no questions were asked. IB thanked Catherine Demmery Financial Officer for YTC for examining and verifying the accounts, she has been given a bottle of wine for her work and is happy continue this work for the association. IB said in future reference should be made to the accounts being independently examined rather than audited. IB informed the meeting of his decision to step down from treasurer after 25 years.

SW wished to express an enormous thank you to IB on behalf of all twinning members for his continual commitment and for always being there. SW had wanted IB to be presented with a pink handbag as she had fond memories of his treasury duties at jumble sales when he collected the money in a pink handbag! But he was presented with a bottle whisky.

Secretary A written report was given to all present this report was of all the events held during the past year and highlighted the more memorable happenings of the year.

Chairman said how sad it was at the sudden passing away of our chairman Nigel Ellis and gave his thanks to the secretary and treasurer for their support in making his job of stepping into the role of acting chairman so much easier. MM hoped that the association will carry on and go from strength to strength.

6. Wully Perks took the chair as Hon. President and informed of the nominations received for the officers:

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| Chairman | Martin Monk |
| Vice Chairman | David Hardill |
| Treasurer | Penny Spiller |
| Ruth Boulton | Secretary |

These were accepted by all present

7. Election of the 2014/2015 Management Committee
The following were proposed, seconded and being unopposed, duly elected

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| Sue Walker | Mike Robbins | Lesley Killock |
| Kath Williams | Rick Boulton | Ian Blair |
| Gill Latham | Pam Pearce | Alison Hardill |

Wully Perks

8. Address by Chairman for 2014/2015 MM asked if everybody was happy with the running of the association. MP told the meeting he had been attending the South Glos Forum meeting and although he was now not a committee member he was happy to continue doing this as a representative of Yate Twinning Association if everyone was in agreement, which they were.
9. Subscriptions for 2014/ 2015 discussion followed around increasing the subscriptions. AS proposed that during the next year the committee review subscriptions and bring a proposal to the next AGM. MP to investigate other association charges through South Glos Forum.
10. Any other business: AS proposed two minutes silence in memory of Nigel Ellis.

The meeting closed at 7.30p.m. refreshments were served and followed by the planning meeting.