

YATE & DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Friday October 21st 2011 at 7.30pm in Poole Court

Members present: 18

1. Welcome: The Chairman, Ruth Boulton, welcomed those present.

2. Apologies for absence were received from: Angela Caton, Betty Heathfield, Vic Heathfield, Gillian Latham, Mike Kimber, Ann Gate-Eastley, Ian Blair, Fiona Blair, Rafael Pepiol, John Booth, Mary Parker, Gordon Williams.

3. Minutes of the 2010 A.G.M.

Proposed as a true record by LW and seconded by MM
Agreed

4. Matters arising: none

5. Reports by 2010/11 Officers:

Treasurer: the audited accounts of the Association were made available, It was proposed by WP and seconded by MM that the accounts for the year ended 31st August 2011 be accepted. Agreed.

Secretary: a written report was circulated.

The Chairman then invited PP to speak about the progress of the Association's web-site and the development of the Facebook pages.

6. Election of 2011/12 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 (Ruth Boulton took the Chair)
Treasurer	Ian Blair
Secretary	Alan Spiller

7. Election of 2011/12 Management Committee

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
David Hardill	

8. Appointment of Auditor for 2011/12

Vic Heathfield offered to continue to stand as the Auditor. DH proposed that this offer be accepted. WP seconded and the meeting unanimously agreed.

9. Amendment to Constitution

The proposed amendment, to allow on-line banking, was presented to the meeting but as the meeting was inquorate those members present agreed that the officers call a Special General Meeting to take place at the Annual Dinner in January, when it was anticipated that there will be sufficient members present to amend the constitution accordingly. It was further agreed by those present that consideration be given to further amending the constitution to permit Proxy Voting on specific issues at a General Meeting.

10. Address by 2011/12 Chairperson

RB gave an overview of the year's activities, emphasising the positive connections that had been made. The Chairman then spoke of the year to come, anticipating the results of the planning meeting to be held the next day.

11. Subscriptions for 2011/12:

The treasurer indicated that no change would be necessary – this was accepted.

Any other business:

SW proposed a vote of thanks to RB for her work as Chairman, particularly the organisation of the September visit – this was agreed with acclamation.

Date of next Annual General Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Friday 12th October 2012

The meeting closed at 8:35 pm.