

**YATE & DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION
TWINNED WITH BAD SALZDETFURTH**

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

Friday 19th February 2010 at 19:30

Present:

Officers and Committee:

Mick Robbins
Ian Blair
Lesley Killock
Ruth Boulton
Martin Monk
Mike Pearce

Gordon Williams
Alan Spiller
Sue Walker
Kath Williams
Rick Boulton
David Hardill

Also present: Penny Spiller, Christine Monk

1. Apologies: Gill Latham, Cleone Trotter, Wully Perks

2. Minutes of the January meeting:

The minutes were proposed as an accurate record by MM and seconded by RiB.

3. Matters arising: to include Report /Review of events since last meeting

(a) Annual Dinner: MP proposed and DH seconded a vote of thanks to the organisers: carried unanimously

(b) Official Visit from Bad Salzdetfurth (now March 6th – 10th): MM distributed the latest programme of events. A Social event on Monday evening at Poole Court was agreed – members to be asked to bring a ‘plate’.

4. Communications and Correspondence

- (i) RUBS newspapers were distributed.
- (ii) Patchway TA has a German visitor currently on Work Experience with South Glos Council – based in Yate, and partly hosted by the Monk family: thanks were expressed to MM and CM.
- (iii) YTC had offered display space at Poole Court while the official visit was taking place.

5. Publicity and Contacts:

- (i) web-site progress report – IB to meet with the developer
- (ii) BGS presentation award: after examination of the catalogue, the ‘pointy’ item was selected (10”) – to be engraved with wording agreed with school: *Contribution to International Community Links*.

6. Treasurer's report: IB presented the most recent accounts, showing payments for annual membership and the August Trip.

7. Membership matters: Karin Honeyball has joined and expressed an interest in coming to Bad Salzdetfurth in August.

8. Programme of events:

(a) Quiz – Feb 20th – MP reported on the arrangements – the quiz to be run jointly with Sodbury TA, with profits being shared.

(b) Visit to Big Pit: March 28th – by car, with free admission – AS suggested that lunch in the Miner's Canteen would be appropriate: agreed

(c) International Beetle Drive – April 17th – venue not yet known: Dodington PH?

(d) August visit to Bad Salzdetfurth: GL had reported that Hatts Coaches were being very co-operative. Suggestions were made for excursions: Windmill Museum, Wolfenbüttel, Schnappsfabrik, Hamburg Model Railway, Stolberg (Harz Mountains) – officers to discuss practicalities with Werner during the Official Visit.

9. Next meeting: Friday March 19th 2010 at 19:30 in Poole Court - agreed

10. A.O.B.

(i) MP expressed thanks to SW & LW for the January 'soirée'

(ii) Valuation Event – 14th May agreed – 60+ items – Yate Library would be a suitable venue

(iii) Highgrove Gardens: AS reported very little interest shown from members – it was agreed not to make a booking.

The meeting closed at: 21:20