

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

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

Friday 21st May 2010 at 19:30

Present:

Officers and Committee:

Cleone Trotter

Mike Pearce

Alan Spiller

Lesley Killock

Sue Walker

Kath Williams

Gordon Williams

Ruth Boulton

Pam Pearce

Martin Monk

Rick Boulton

Also present: Penny Spiller, Laurence Walker

1. Apologies: GL, MR, DH

2. Minutes of the April meeting:

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

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

- (a) Beetle Drive – a disappointing attendance; no other associations; small profit
- (b) Valuation Event: thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended (50 +); a number of outsiders; £66 profit. Agreed that the Library had been a good venue, the speaker had been informative and entertaining – well worth a future repeat.
- (c) A condolences card had been sent to Mrs Wakefield.

4. Communications and Correspondence

- (a) YTC advised that Cleone Trotter and Mike Robbins are the elected Town Council representatives
- (b) GLOSS FM: SW had been interviewed “live” on radio, together with Thornbury Twinning Association
- (c) Letter from Brimsham Green School thanking the Association for the Trophy

5. Publicity and Contacts:

(a) web-site progress report. IB updated on progress: the site is now ready for input – he and PP will now work jointly with the developer

(b) SGTA progress: RB reported on the meetings ‘hosted’ by George Kousouros: the meeting on June 23 will be the AGM, then the local twinning associations will have to take it forward independently.

6. Treasurer’s report: IB presented his report in printed form. There were no questions. It was agreed to send the cheque to Hatts Coaches by the end of June (via GL).

7. Membership matters: Letters offering free membership had been sent to parents at BGS who had hosted visitors in March. No response yet.

8. Programme of events:

(a) Bath Visit: it was agreed to make ‘Bizarre Bath’ the next social event on 11th June at 8pm – AS to publicise, with RB co-ordinating transport as appropriate.

(b) Strawberries and Petanque: DH had informed AS that the location and organisation of the ‘Petanque’ game was all organised. It was agreed that it would be a ‘ticket only’ event (IB volunteered to produce tickets) with a 5pm start at the Heritage Centre. MM agreed to provide the marquee. Committee members would be asked to sell the tickets - £5 per person. It was suggested that the publicity use a sequence of e-mails to members.

(c) August visit to Bad Salzdetfurth: there are now 35 intending travellers. It was agreed that the occasion of the 25th Anniversary be marked by gifts to be taken on the coach for presentation in Germany. Ideas put forward included: fridge magnets, cotton bags and items from YTC. It was further agreed that a “one-off” work of art be commissioned from a local source, with a view to it being displayed in the library in Bad Salzdetfurth. It was agreed that the officers were to use their discretion after approaching local artists / schools – maximum cost: £250.

9. Next meeting: Friday June 18th 2010 at 19:30 in Poole Court – agreed.

10. A.O.B.

(a) planning for the Christmas Market trip to start at the next meeting

(b) PP, MP, AS and IB gave their apologies for the next meeting

The meeting closed at 21:20