

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

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

Friday 19th August 2011 at 19:30

Present:

Officers and Committee:

Ruth Boulton
Cleone Trotter
Alan Spiller
Kath Williams
Martin Monk
Mike Pearce
Rafael Pepiol

Lesley Killock
Ian Blair
Wully Perks
Gordon Williams
Rick Boulton
Pam Pearce

Also present: Penny Spiller,

1. Apologies: David Hardill, Gill Latham, Sue Walker

2. Minutes of the July meeting:

The minutes were proposed as an accurate record by RP and seconded by GW

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

- (a) item 4 : IB will liaise with Bad Salzdetfurth re: museums / collections; PP to link with SGTF
- (b) item 5 : School links - RB will follow up in September
- (c) item 8(a) ; the BBQ had been very successful thanks are due to Matt and Sue Monk for hosting the function.

4. Communications and Correspondence:

(a) RuB referred to the recent death of one of our long-standing members, Len Taylor: all 'Twinners' are invited to attend the Church Service. It was agreed that a donation of £20 be made, along with £20 from the Bad Salzdetfurth Partnerschaft, to Iron Acton Church, in accordance with the family's wishes.

(b) It was reported that another member, Arthur Adams, had recently been hospitalised after being taken ill. It was agreed to send flowers to Mrs Adams.

5. Publicity and Contacts:

RuB reported discussions with St Nicholas YFC re: a tournament being held in 2012. AS & PP were asked to investigate the French and German school holiday arrangements before invitations were sent to Cesson and Bad Salzdetfurth.

6. Treasurer's report:

IB presented his report for the month, together with a 'look ahead' to the annual accounts due at the end of August. There were no questions.

7. Membership matters, to include Web-site update:

PP reported that the number of visits to the web-site continues to fluctuate; PP has started work on a Facebook link for us.

8. Programme of events:

(a) Safari Supper - cancelled

(b) Walking Treasure Hunt – September 11th – to start from the Heritage Centre: MM agreed to co-ordinate the details and publicity with DH. There will be two 'Hunts' – one for children and one for adults.

(c) Visit from Bad Salzdetfurth – September 17th – 25th

(i) The pre-hosting meeting will be after the September committee meeting.

(ii) The Welcome Evening will be an 'American Supper' – drinks supplied by the Association.

(iii) The Farewell Evening will be a formal meal at South Glos Badminton Road Offices, with numbers limited to 40: it was agreed that non-hosting members wishing to attend should contact RuB - they will be charged £15 per person.

(d) AGM – October 21st – AS agreed to send out the documentation to members by post or E-mail.

(e) Christmas Markets Coach Trip: It was agreed that PS and GL write to all participants with a reminder that the balance of payments is due by the end of September.

9. Next meeting: Friday September 9th at 19:00 in Poole Court, to be followed by the pre-hosting meeting.

10. A.O.B.

MP reported that the wine-tasting will be arranged for a Wednesday evening in November – to be held jointly with Chipping Sodbury. It was agreed that the November 'Whist Drive' will therefore have to be re-arranged.

The meeting closed at: 21:02