

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

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

Friday 18th May 2012 at 19:30

Present:

Officers and Committee:

Ruth Boulton (RuB)

Alan Spiller

Martin Monk

Rafael Pepiol

Wully Perks

Ian Blair

Lesley Killock

Rick Boulton (RiB)

David Hardill

Also present: Penny Spiller, Chris Monk

1. Apologies: Gordon Williams, Kath Williams, Gill Latham, Cleone Trotter, Sue Walker, Pam Pearce, Mike Pearce

2. Minutes of the April meeting:

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

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

(a) item 4(b): there had as yet been no response from the athletics clubs in Bad Salzdetfurth

(b) item 10(d): Thomas Stelzer had responded to the message (see below)

4. Communications and Correspondence

(a) There had been a letter of thanks from Betty and Vic Heathfield re: the gift sent previously to mark their Diamond Anniversary.

(b) Thomas Stelzer had written to say that he is still working on his concept /proposal: the schools in Germany need to have a much more detailed plan before they can proceed. He will elaborate during the August visit.

5. Treasurer's report: IB talked members through the monthly report. He said that the YTC grant application is nearly complete. He anticipates that a bid for up to £750 might be needed to cover the expenses incurred by the rental of rooms in Poole Court, Public Liability Insurance and the maintenance of our web-site.

7. Membership matters, to include Web-site update: there were 30 'visits' to the web-site last month; there is still no link from the Bad Salzdetfurth web-site.

8. Programme of events:

- (a) BBQ: 7th July - £7.50 + b.y.o. drinks. It was hoped that there will be a raffle. AS to send out publicity.
- (b) August visit to Germany: GL has been in contact with Waltraud – there is just one 'hosting' to be settled. IB agreed to send out reminders about final payments.
- (c) Bristol Blue Glass: it was agreed to plan for a daytime tour, possibly on August 7th at 11a.m. (at least 10 to take part)
- (d) Berlin with Partnerschaft: it was agreed to defer further discussions to the August visit.

9. Next Committee meeting: Friday June 15th at 19:30 in Poole Court

10. A.O.B.

- (a) Brimsham Green School Awards Evening will be on June 21st – we anticipate an invitation to attend – also the identity of the 'prize-winner' of the Twinning Trophy.
- (b) Wotton Antiques – again no response: RuB agreed to 'chase' with a view to an event in October.
- (c) The South Glos Twinning Forum will meet next at Yate Fire Station on 12th June.
- (d) PS presented a potential quarterly twinning newsletter system, to be printed on A3 paper, folded to have four 'standard' pages. The Newsletter would have to be regularly distributed by hand or by post, – as a 'hard copy', not as an e-mail attachment. The concept was warmly accepted by those present: it was agreed that PS should be 'editor', MM agreed to print, IB agreed to deal with the IT technicalities. It only remained for contributors to contribute their material. It was agreed to go ahead if material can be provided to PS, with a deadline for the first edition of the June committee meeting. It was also agreed that the Newsletter would be a document for the public as well as for twinning association members, therefore it would be made available in libraries, council offices and elsewhere.
- (e) DH reported that the costs of running a Barn Dance in November as planned may be prohibitive – it was agreed to discuss the matter further and decide at the next meeting.

The meeting closed at: 21:10