

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

**MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2012 at 19:00**

Present:

Officers and Committee:

Mick Robbins	Ruth Boulton (RuB)
Cleone Trotter	Ian Blair
Alan Spiller	Sue Walker
Rick Boulton (RiB)	Gill Latham
Mike Pearce	Pam Pearce
Rafael Pepiol	David Hardill
Lesley Killock	Wully Perks
Gordon Williams	Kath Williams

Also present: Penny Spiller, Laurence Walker

**1. Apologies:** Martin Monk

**2. Minutes of the June meeting:**

The minutes were proposed as an accurate record by RiB and seconded by RP after the deletion of one name from the list of those present.

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

(a) BGS Awards Ceremony: the Chairman had attended the presentation – the Twinning Association Trophy had been given to the Sixth Form Africa Group, together with an award of £50. RuB read out the letter of thanks from the students.

(b) The BBQ had been cancelled due to poor weather.

(c) Antiques Evening: an e-mail from the Auction Rooms had been received, cancelling the speaker's availability – the event was therefore cancelled.

**4. Communications and Correspondence**

(a) Rolf Jakobs had agreed to investigate and pursue the athletics and football club invitations sent to Bad Salzdetfurth.

(b) Newsletter: PS distributed copies of the first (A4) edition.

(c) Yate Focus: a sincere apology had been received over the publication of a photo of our March visitors from Bad Salzdetfurth without acknowledgement or publicity.

**5. Treasurer's report:** IB distributed the printed monthly accounts. He reported that the YTC grant application had been accepted and was proceeding through the approval process. The Treasurer indicated that there was still one balance payment outstanding for the German trip.

**7. Membership matters, to include Web-site update:** PP reported a slight increase in the number of 'hits'; also there are now 18 Facebook members.

**8. Programme of events:**

(a) August visit to Germany: after the withdrawal (for medical reasons) of 2 participants there are now 29 travellers to Bad Salzdetfurth. It was proposed (RP) and seconded (AS) that the question of the non-refundable deposits be reviewed at the next meeting – agreed. It was also agreed that cards and flowers be sent as and when appropriate. RuB reported that the programme had been amended – details to be given out at the pre-trip meeting immediately following.

(b) Bristol Blue Glass: the visit was confirmed for 15<sup>th</sup> August.

(c) AGM 12<sup>th</sup> Oct & Planning Meeting for 2013 – Sat Oct 13<sup>th</sup> – AS to organise notification to members.

(d) Antiques Evening: cancelled

(e) Barn Dance: DH explained that a minimum of 70 people were needed for the event to break even.

**9. Next Committee meeting:**

Friday Sept 21<sup>st</sup> at 19:00 in Poole Court + post-trip meeting at 20:00. PP and MP wished to extend their apologies.

**10. A.O.B.** none

**The meeting closed at: 20:00**