

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

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

Friday 23rd November 2012 at 19:30

Present:

Officers and Committee:

Mick Robbins
Cleone Trotter
Sue Walker
Gill Latham
Lesley Killock
Gordon Williams
David Hardill

Ruth Boulton (RuB)
Alan Spiller
Rick Boulton (RiB)
Martin Monk
Wully Perks
Kath Williams

Also present: Penny Spiller, Chris Monk, Linda Ellis,

1. Apologies: Ian Blair, Rafael Pepiol, Mike Pearce, Pam Pearce

2. Minutes of (a) the September meeting:

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

(b) the 2012 AGM:

The minutes were presented in draft form for information.

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

item 4(a): PS had not been able to attend the conference in London - oversubscribed

4. Communications and Correspondence

(a) Highgrove House: a Christmas Greetings Card had been received, together with an invitation to go shopping there.

(b) Yate Town Council officers had suggested that there be a Twinning Display in Poole Court next year: it was agreed that the display material from the library display be re-used.

(c) Bristol Twinning Conference: it was agreed to ask MP and PP to report back at the next meeting.

5. Treasurer's report: IB's printed report was distributed and explained by MM. There were no questions.

6. Membership matters, to include Web-site and Newsletter update:

(a) the web-site continues to have a 'healthy' number of visitors. MR asked about membership applications via the web-site: none to date.

(b) Newsletter: PS reported that they had been distributed to Yate Library, the Pop Inn and Poole Court.

(c) Six members of the Frampton TA had taken up our offer of free membership for 2013. One other application had been received: Jane Hill – approved.

7. Programme of events: The proposals for 2013 were examined and approved, with minor alterations. Events agreed were: the Annual Dinner; several 'Kaffee und Kuchen' sessions; a skittles match at the Royal British Legion in Frampton Cotterell; a 'guided' tour of the Westonbirt Arboretum; a trip on a steam railway; Strawberries, Tea and Croquet in Winterbourne; a Car Boot Sale in April; a visit to the Brewery in Devizes and a Charity Auction (possibly jointly with the Genieri Link).

It was proposed and unanimously agreed that there be a Christmas Markets Trip in early December 2013, using Bakers Dolphin Coaches and staying in the Mercure Hotel in Amiens, Northern France.

It was also agreed unanimously that the trip be advertised at the 'maximum' price of £350 per person, to include a visit to First World War memorials in the Somme Valley as well as the Markets. It was agreed that officers will finalise the details after further discussions with Bakers Dolphin and that the trip be advertised in January (also to other local twinning associations).

WP proposed a vote of thanks to PS for all her hard work: agreed

9. Next Committee meeting:

Friday January 18th at 19:30 in Poole Court

10. A.O.B. none

The meeting closed at: 21:20