

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

**MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2014 at 19:30**

Present:

Officers and Committee:

Ruth Boulton (RaB)

Nigel Ellis

Rick Boulton (RB)

Kath Williams

Gill Latham

Martin Monk

Sue Walker

Mike Robbins

Ian Blair

Pam Pearce

Mike Pearce

Also present: Chris Monk, Gordon Williams, and Laurence Walker

**1. Apologies:** Penny Spiller, Alan Spiller, Lesley Killock, David Hardill, Wully Perks and Cleo Trotter

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

The minutes were proposed as an accurate record by Ian Blair and seconded by Rick Boulton

**3. Matters arising:** to include Report /Review of events since last meeting  
IB asked if a photo has been received from Brimsham Green School of the awards evening As no photo had been received, MM and IB agreed to chase school  
The Annual Dinner made a profit of £179, NE thanked all who had worked at making it a successful evening.

**4. Communications and Correspondence**

MR reported that Peter Kendall is making steady progress in hospital his speech is fine and his walking improving.

**5. Treasurer's report:** Current Balance £4210.83 but this includes deposits paid for August trip. IB explained accounts for trip to Amiens £8720 taken expenditure £8065 making profit of £655.00 this included four non returnable deposit paid and 1 free place because of numbers on trip. SW asked if consideration should be made to returning lost deposits, it was agreed that although in the past this has been done in extenuating circumstances these cancellations had not warranted this. It was also pointed out that two previous Christmas market trips to Liege and Bruges had made a loss.

**6. Membership matters, to include Web-site and Newsletter update:** IB gave out annual membership cards and would chase up membership payments not received.

PP reported that Web site visits have gone up in last month from 49 to 69 visits. PP had meeting with MM to discuss updating web site and have identified some new photos for front page of web site, but also needed more photos of social events for web site. Once Photos received for front page PP will get quote from Mark to update the site. MM asked if he could train us to do this. PP also met NE and MM for training on uploading minutes and photos etc. on the web site. Some problems were experienced on the day so another meeting is needed.

## **7. Programme of events:**

### **Skittles match for 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb postponed**

#### **Official visit 7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> March**

Wully Perks to host Wolfgang Dettmer

Gill Latham - Waltraud Otteleben

Nigel Ellis - Reinhard Nipp

Ruth Boulton - Burkhard Helfenbein

Meeting in Poole Court Saturday morning for Twinning Members and representatives from local groups with an official welcome by the Mayor followed by lunch, then visitors to tour Yate

Sunday free with hosts then skittles match in the evening at Creda Social Club with twinning members invited, no charge, just bring a plate of food to nibble.

**Talk in Library** proposed date of 29<sup>th</sup> April not suitable as Tuesdays not convenient for many, David Hardill to be contacted for new date. NE to action

**BBQ** date changed from 12<sup>th</sup> July to 19<sup>th</sup> July

MR advised Wully has details of Steam Train trips from Bitten Station

**Trip to Bad Salzdetfurth** MM advised 16 deposits paid. A vote was taken to continue the trip and hope more people would commit. Discussions made for suggestions of day trips whilst in BS - Volkswagen factory, Cella and Goslar possibly by train, Hamburg discussed but decided too long a day. Question asked if and when driver will have to take a day off, MM to investigate. PP advised Bristol Twinning group were flying to Hamburg and then going by train to Hanover something maybe Yate could consider in the future.

## **8. Next Committee meeting:**

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 19:30 in Poole Court apologies: PP KW and GW

## **9. A.O.B.** PP to send South Glos forum events to RAB to send to Yate Twinning members

Discussion then took place if such events should be advertised on Yate Twinning web site.

IB asked if Yate Town Council have invited Twinning members to join them at the conference in July at Bad Salzdetfurth and he would chase the invitation.

**The meeting closed at: 9.15 p.m.**