

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

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

Friday 16th January 2015 at 19:30

Present:

Officers and Committee:

David Hardill	Ruth Boulton
Penny Spiller	Rick Boulton
Gill Latham	Alison Hardill
Sue Walker	Pam Pearce
Wully Perks	Mike Robbins

Meeting taken by David Hardill in the absence of Martin Monk

Also present: Alan Spiller, Chris Monk and Laurence Walker

1. Apologies: Martin Monk, Kath and Gordon Williams, Ian Blair and Lesley Killock

PP gave apologies for Stan Bird Chair of Chipping Sodbury Twinning he has said he will try to attend perhaps every other meeting to keep in touch with Yate.

2. Minutes of the December meeting:

The minutes were proposed as an accurate record by RB and seconded by PS

3. Matters arising: to include Report /Review of events since last meeting
DH attended the Presentation evening at Brimsham Green School and found it to be an uplifting event, he had not been able to get a photo of the group that had received the Twinning award but would continue to pursue this. PP asked if that not possible could there please be a write up for the web site.

4. Communications and Correspondence

PP - AGM for the South Glos Twinning Forum is on 5th March at Patchway Community Centre.

PS – Eric Saunders Economic Development Apprentice reported 3 events this year Family Fun Day, Armed Forces Day and the Engage Festival which is at the Wise Campus on 17th October.

5. Treasurer's report:

PS presented report laid out for the full year with projected annual expenditure. It was agreed this report is very well presented and clear.

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

To date £145 has been received in membership. Cleo Trotter continues to pay £10 by Direct Debit when only £5. required, it was agreed to return the £5. to her in cash.

PS now clear on the expenditure of the web site which is for the running of the site, PP maintains the site. DH had a query regarding dates on the site he will meet with Pam to clarify this.

PP asked that MM would write some new text about Yate for the home page of the web site.

PP reported Chipping Sodbury Twinning's sale of Christmas trees at Morrison's as reported on the Yate web site had gone well and some profit had been made.

7. Programme of events:

Kaffee und Kuchen 31st Jan 10.00a.m. to 12. Noon. Donations required for Tombola to be taken to the Heritage Centre up to Thursday 29th Jan also a good prize required possibly a voucher. Contact to be made to Morrison's RaB to take a letter to Maz who deals with this. Lesley to organise tombola. Volunteers for cake making SW, PP KW RaB £1.50 to be charged for drink and cake. It was also suggested that twinning members wear a badge so visitors interested in finding out more about twinning know who to approach and a sign to be put up outside advertising the event.

Official visit 27th February Wully Perks and Tony Davis attending for Council, MM attending for twinning DH unable to attend on this date.

Due to the earlier date of the official visit and several other members being away the planned skittles match for 28th Feb will be changed to a provisional date of 7th March LW to investigate.

14th March - Anniversary Dinner £15.00 a head to include welcome drink and nibbles, also a good raffle to be held.

26th March DH organising David Hardwick to talk at Yate Heritage Centre on the Hidden History of Yate and the link between Celestine and Germany and Twinning, with someone to give an introduction to Twinning at the start of the evening. £3. Per person to be charged, half the takings to be given to David Hardwick.

25th April Twinning Bottle Tombola stall to be held at St. Georges day at Yate Heritage Centre. Donations required of bottle bags and bottles of all types, drink, sauce, shampoo etc.

9th to 14th June visit and 30th Anniversary Celebrations email received from Rolf Jacobs Bad Salzdetfurth saying 43 people coming over, 10 staying with families in Yate and 33 at The Grange Hotel. Hosts were discussed and arranged at the meeting PS has names. The party will arrive by Bakers Dolphin coach to Poole Court on Tuesday 9th for afternoon tea.

Discussion was held regarding the 30th Anniversary celebration meal which could be for up to 100 people SW spoke of Helen Morgan from South Glos Council being able to arrange a hot buffet at Badminton Road Council offices, some concerns were expressed as some complaints had been received regarding previous dinner, PS and RaB to arrange a meeting with Helen Morgan to discuss possibilities as no other venue possible for this number of people, where own drink etc. could be supplied. MM has received confirmation from Yate Town Council saying £800.00 would be given towards celebration meal and £150 for the Cream Tea on day of arrival.

8. Next Committee meeting: Friday 20th February 7.30p.m. to be held in Yate Town Council Chambers as the Heron room is being decorated.

A.O.B.

South Glos Forum meeting had been held 15th Feb where decision had been made not to apply for European Funding

Bristol – Hannover Group holding a social event on Monday 16th February which will be a tradition Fasching Rosenmontag party held at the Bavarian Beer house £6.00 a head for drinks and nibbles.

South Glos Forum joined South Glos Heritage Forum but this has now dissolved.

March's committee meeting Secretary and Treasurer not able to attend on this date, discussion held to rearrange this meeting Thursday 19th March suggested and meeting to be held at Yate Heritage Centre DH to confirm this.

The meeting closed at: 9.30p.m.