

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

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

Friday 19th June 2015 at 19:30

Present:

Officers and Committee:

Martin Monk	Sue Walker
Penny Spiller	Lesley Killock
Kath Williams	David Hardill
Gill Latham	Ian Blair
Pam Pearce	Wully Perks
Ruth Boulton	

Also present: Tony Davis, Chris Monk and Alan Spiller

1. Apologies: Gordon Williams, Rick Boulton, Laurence Walker, Alison Hardill and Mike Robbins

2. Minutes of the May meeting:

The minutes were proposed as an accurate record by IB and seconded by WP.

3. Matters arising: to include Report /Review of events since last meeting
To be covered during meeting.

4. Communications and Correspondence

Email received from Marion Humphreys thanking us for a wonderful 30th Anniversary Meal and evening. Other members of the committee had also received thanks from their visitors etc.

5. Treasurer's report: handed out by PS, who explained the final accounts for the 30th anniversary dinner have not yet been finalised. Thanks were expressed to PS for organising such a good and well received Anniversary dinner. SW asked for thanks to be sent to YTC for the grant received towards the Anniversary Dinner with an explanation of how the visit had secured links with Brimsham Green School in the hope of re starting the school exchange. Tony Davis also asked if thanks could be sent to the Armadillo youth cafe for receiving the German guests so well and going beyond their call of duty at a minute's notice.

On the back of the treasurer's report PS had summarised the accounts for the last 5 years showing what events had been held and the monies raised to help analyse if there is a need to increase the membership fee and to be able to take a recommendation to the AGM in October. Thanks were expressed to PS for the very detailed report which will greatly assist future planning both financially and profitable events.

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

As comments had been received in the past about the cost of the web site with it all detailed in PS report MM asked if everyone was happy with the cost. PP said whilst history is recorded on the site there isn't enough information about recent events happening which is of course history and more photos are always required.

Discussion then followed regarding the membership fees Tony Davis thought £10 very cheap and didn't think an increased fee would deter people from joining. IB reminded us that some members have paid fees for many years but not joined in activities so an increase could cause them to leave. SW told how Sodury Twinning does not make a charge. WP made proposal to put fees up 2 in favour and 2 against rest abstained. MM then proposed that fee stay the same and the majority were in favour of this.

PP spoke of Paul Norris the new German teacher starting at Brimsham Green School in September having met him he had new ideas he would like to discuss with us which could involve pupils and parents of the school and help the twinning. PP suggested meeting Paul before the AGM so that any new ideas could be put to the AGM and help with the planning meeting. PP to arrange for officers to meet Paul at some time. LK told how Keynsham Twinning promote a charity on some events and then make a donation to them, people are then more inclined to contribute with the charity named and we could consider this. SW said this may not be seen very favourable by YTC as they give us a grant.

The monthly web site report showed a large number of visitors to the site from abroad. MM asked if the committee would like to receive this report every month but this offer was declined.

7. Programme of events:

18th July BBQ Tickets from MM £10 each

16th August Boat Trip KW has tables reserved for our group at Beeses tea gardens. Kath requested that she could have the money at least two weeks before the trip.

19th September International Day at Yate Heritage Centre
Volunteers to man the stall required. LK if here on the date. PP, WP, CM and RaB
More membership forms and information about the Twinning Association is needed for the stall.

Friday 16th October AGM Apologies from LK. Planning meeting to be held after the AGM as last year. Suggestion made that the Treasurer's report be used to arrange events seeing which were most profitable.

Next year's trip – Firstly this year's trip was reviewed and it was agreed considering our reservations it went well. PP has a memory stick with Thomas's quiz should anyone want to see it as we were unable to do so at the anniversary dinner. IB said the new Mayor of Bad Salzdetfurth has good English and we may have better communications with them in the future.

General agreement was made that the trip goes ahead for next year and we all enjoy the coach environment. Discussion then took place if Yate should visit Benicassim in Spain to join their 30th anniversary celebrations with the people from Bad Salzdetfurth who are visiting 2nd-11th May 2016. Alternatively we could go 3rd-5th June which is the Alte Stadt Fest in BS and this was the favoured option. It was also agreed that a two night stop on the outward journey be made and ideas of new stops were made but MM, PS and RAB could visit Baker Dolphins and discuss the trip face to face rather than by email. WP also asked if Applegates coach company could be considered.

8. Next Committee meeting: Friday 17^h July 7.30p.m.
Apologies from PP

The meeting closed at: 9.25 p.m.