

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

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

Friday 15th April 2016 at 19:30

Present:

Officers and Committee:

Martin Monk	Ruth Boulton	Lesley Killock
Rick Boulton	Ian Blair	Wully Perks
Penny Spiller	Neil Gordon	Alison Hardill
Kath Williams	Sue Walker	David Hardill

Also present: Gordon Williams, Alan Spiller and Laurence Walker

1. Apologies: Gill Latham, Pam Pearce and Mike Pearce

2. Minutes of March's meeting:

The minutes were agreed an accurate record

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

To be discussed during the meeting.

4. Communications and Correspondence:

Several emails received from the Bristol Hannover Twinning about events happening in Bristol all have been circulated to our members.

Sue Walker received a phone call from Jenny Rowan of Frampton Cotterell twinning saying now that all matters have been finalised with the ceasing of the Frampton Twinning the £130.00 left in their accounts will be donated to Yate Twinning.

5. Treasurer's report: PS handed out monthly report. The final balance cheque has been paid to Applegates for the trip to Germany leaving the balance of Twinning accounts at £3538.57.

6. Membership matters, to include Web-site update: PP sent message for the committee that photos of the official visit in March have now been put on the web site and the calendar has been updated with all future events including those of Bristol Hannover association.

7. Programme of events:

Saturday 23rd April St. Georges Day at Yate Heritage Centre: DH asked for volunteers to help erect marquees, the event will be from 10.30 – 4.30 and a rota was worked out for the volunteers to run the twinning's bottle tombola stall.

Saturday 7th May Race Night at Yate Town Football Club Raffle to be held on the night NG asked for suggestions of where to get raffle prizes, Tesco, Morrisons, local pubs suggested along with donations from Jimmy Dean's fruit and veg stall to make up a fruit basket.

31st May – 8th June Visit to Germany: Updated list of travellers sent to Waltraud. Applegates bill now paid and they have advised should anyone cancel from now up until April they will only receive 50% of their money refunded and cancellation during May will mean no money is refunded. Any claims will have to be made through the person's travel insurance, but Applegates will happily provide any paperwork required. Applegates have confirmed the guide is booked for a tour around Monschau on the Wednesday morning. SW will purchase drinks required for the coach journey. Discussion took place for preferences of destinations when visiting Steinhuder Meer and the Harz mountain area. MM advised all to check the date on their European Health Insurance Card before travelling.

Saturday 18th June Train trip to Bradford on Avon LW had times for trains leaving Yate 10.16 a.m. time decided to leave returning home either 15.50 or 16.50 to be decided later, cost £6.65 return fare. Email to be sent to all members, numbers needed two weeks before travelling.

8. Next Committee meeting: Friday 13th May at 7.00p.m. with pre trip meeting to follow at 7.30p.m.

Any other Business: MM likes the look of the Applegates Christmas market trip and questioned how members saw the future of twinning and if future trips were possible but no real comments made.

NG asked if Twinning leaflets could be put on the tables at the Race Night to promote Twinning, these would also be needed for the stall at St. Georges Day.

WP apologised for his late arrival to the meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.50p.m.