

# YATE & DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on  
Friday October 16<sup>th</sup> 2015 7.00pm at Poole Court

20 Members present

1. The Chairman Martin Monk welcomed everyone to the 31<sup>st</sup> AGM.
2. Apologies for absence were received from: Christel Stoecker-Danby, Lesley Killock, Alison Hardill, Mary Perks, Jen Phelan-Gordon, Tony Davis and John Ford.
3. Minutes of the 2014 Annual General Meeting - Proposed as a true record by WP and RB.
4. Matters arising: None
5. Reports by the 2014/2015 officers:

Treasurer- Penny Spiller A copy of the accounts up to 31<sup>st</sup> August were handed to all present, these accounts do not include the grant given by Yate Town council of £850.00 for the celebrations of the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with the Germans earlier this year, this amount was received in mid September. An opportunity was given for questions but none were asked.

Secretary – Ruth Boulton A written report of all the events held during the past year was handed out. Many thanks were expressed to Matt and Sue Monk once again for allowing us to use their garden for the annual Barbeque. The need for more fund raising events was highlighted and suggestions required for the Planning Meeting.

Chairman - Martin Monk Martin said things are ticking over and asked if everyone is happy with the way things are running, but expressed the need to encourage new members to join, discussions followed suggesting how to best advertise the Twinning. Martin told how a recent meeting with officers and the new German teacher at Brimsham Green School had been very encouraging and resulted in two officers attending a recent parents evening at the school with a display stand and it is

hoped to work more in this way in the future. During the twinning visit this year Thomas Stelzer had visited Brimsham Green School to get the school exchange going again and the head of Brimsham and German teacher had made a visit to Bad Salzdetfurth at beg of Oct to work on this.

6. Wully Perks took the chair and informed of the nominations received for the officers:

Chairman            Martin Monk  
Vice Chairman    David Hardill  
Treasurer           Penny Spiller  
Secretary           Ruth Boulton  
These were accepted by all present

7. Election of the 2015/2016 Management Committee

The following were proposed, seconded and being unopposed, duly elected

Sue Walker	Mike Robbins	Lesley Killock	Neil Gordon
Kath Williams	Rick Boulton	Ian Blair	
Gill Latham	Pam Pearce	Alison Hardill	

8. Address by Chairman for 2015/2016.

Martin said most things had already been said and to just keep working with the association.

9. Subscriptions for 2015/ 2016 It was agreed that these should stay the same.

10. Any other business: Rafael Pepiol raised the situation with the planned visit to BS next year clashing with Chipping Sodbury Twinning group visit to Cesson and asked that more co-ordination could be made between the two organisations, not only for the exchange trip but future fund raising events. A suggestion was made that each group could appoint a representative to work with each other and perhaps attend the other's meetings.

MP asked what had happened with the link between Frampton Cotterell and Kelbra and if it could be raised again but was told there isn't anyone in Frampton Cotterell willing to run it, but correspondence from Yate

Twinning is always sent to some of the ex members hoping to keep them interested.

PP had recently had a call from a lady in France somewhere near Toulouse wanting to set up a partnership with somewhere in the South West of England, but no appropriate suggestions found.

Volunteer required to lay Poppy Wreath on behalf of Twinning at Remembrance Service – Mike Robbins to do this.

The meeting closed at 7. 45p.m. refreshments were served and followed by the planning meeting.