

YATE & DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Friday October 16th 2009 at 7.30pm in Poole Court

Members present: Jean Horton, Charles Horton, Wulstan Perks, Martin Monk, Rafael Pepiol, Cleone Trotter, Mike Pearce, Pam Pearce, Christine Monk, Ruth Boulton, Ian Blair, David Hardill, Richard Warner, Mary Warner, Richard Boulton, Penny Spiller, Peter Kendall, Sue Walker, Laurence Walker, Lesley Killock, Alan Spiller

1. Welcome: The Chairman, Ruth Boulton, welcomed those present.

2. Apologies for absence were received from: Angela Caton, Paul Schlegelmilch, Brian Latham, Gill Latham, Kath Williams, Gordon Williams, Margaret Bracey, Alison Hardill, Mick Robbins, Margaret Robbins, Mary Parker, Reg Humphries, Marian Humphries, Fiona Blair

3. Minutes of the 2008 A.G.M.

Proposed as a true record by WP and seconded by MM - unanimously agreed

4. Matters arising: none

5. Reports by 2008/9 Officers:

Treasurer: the accounts of the Association were made available, though not yet audited. It was proposed by MM and seconded by RiB that the report be accepted. There was a vote of thanks to the Treasurer.

Secretary: a written report was circulated. WP proposed and MM seconded that the report be accepted with a vote of thanks to AS for all his contributions.

Chairman: RuB reviewed the past year and looked forward to the next year. LW thanked RuB for taking over under difficult circumstances.

6. Election of 2009/10 Officers

Ian Blair took the Chair as Hon. President

Penny Spiller was nominated as Honorary Vice-President of the Association – this was approved unanimously.

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

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| Chairman | Ruth Boulton |
| Vice-Chairman | Martin Monk (Ruth Boulton took the Chair) |
| Treasurer | Ian Blair |
| Secretary | Alan Spiller |

7. Election of 2009/10 Management Committee

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

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| Mike Pearce | Rick Boulton |
| Gill Latham | David Hardill |
| Kath Williams | Sue Walker |
| Gordon Williams | Wulstan Perks |
| Lesley Killock | Brian Latham |
| John Booth | Cleone Trotter |

8. Appointment of Auditor for 2009/10

Vic Heathfield had offered to continue to stand as the Auditor. IB proposed that this offer be accepted. WP seconded and the meeting unanimously agreed.

9. Address by 2009/10 Chairperson

RuB looked forward positively to the 25th Anniversary of the Association. She was particularly looking forward to the trips being planned – the Christmas Markets Trip in December and the Visit to Bad Salzdetfurth being planned for August 2010. She thanked BL for all his hard work in connection with the coach companies. RuB then encouraged members to attend the planning meeting for 2011 and laid particular emphasis on the need for recruitment and for inter-action with other Twinning Associations in the area.

10. Subscriptions for 2009/10:

The treasurer indicated that no change would be necessary

11. Amendments to the Constitution:

1. In Section 5 (Committees): at the end of the fifth paragraph to add the following words: "*of the sub-committee*", so that the sentence reads: "For a sub-committee it (a quorum) shall be more than one half the membership of the sub-committee"

2. In Section 5 (Committees): to delete the final paragraph (Standing Orders)

Both amendments were proposed by Ian Blair and Ruth Boulton and accepted unanimously by members present.

12. Any other business

1. LW proposed a vote of thanks to RW for his years as Chairman of the Association – approved unanimously.

2. SW suggested an approach be made to the U3A locally with a view to arranging joint activities – SW then agreed to make the initial approach and to report back to the committee.

3. MM proposed that the Association make use of a web-site to keep members informed – agreed.

13. Date of next Annual General Meeting

Friday 15th October 2010 was agreed.

The meeting closed at: 8:30pm