

YATE & DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on
Friday October 21st 2016 7.00p.m. at Poole Court

16 Members present:

1. The Chairman Martin Monk welcomed all present to the meeting.
2. Apologies for absence were received from: Lesley Killock and Rafael Pepiol, Wully and Mary Perks, Sue Walker Jane Hill and Margaret Robbins
3. Minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting - Proposed as a true record by A.S. and R.B.
4. Matters arising:
Item 10 PP reported lady from France enquiring about setting up partnership with somewhere in the South West has now made that connection.
Item 5 Chairman's report – MM said inspite of meetings with Brimsham Green by the Twinning and representatives from Bad Salzdetfurth an exchange visit has not been arranged nor any sign of it happening in the near future.
5. Reports by the 2015/2016 officers:

Treasurer: A copy of the audited accounts handed to all present, and opportunity given for questions it was pointed out funds have improved since last year because of several profitable fund raising events. IB asked for electrical accounts to be sent to him as he has to provide evidence for the Inland Revenue.

Secretary A written report was given to all present, highlighting the events of the past year.

Chairman MM thanked the Treasurer and Secretary for their hard work endorsing the proposal of vote of thanks already made by AS

6. In the absence of the Mayor Mr Tony Davis the nominations received were read out by Mr. Ian Blair and were as follows:

Chairman Martin Monk
Vice Chairman David Hardill
Treasurer Penny Spiller
Ruth Boulton Secretary
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	Lesley Killock	Mike Pearce
Kath Williams	Rick Boulton	
Gill Latham	Pam Pearce	Alison Hardill

Yate Town Council Representatives are Wully Perks and Margaret Marshall.

In the absence of a Council Twinning representative a suggestion was made that Ian Blair put his name forward and he promised to investigate this.

8. Address by Chairman for 2016/2017. MM Thanked all who support the Twinning and for all the hard work done with interest. Thanks were given to the Secretary, to Pam Pearce for her work keeping the web site up to date and to the Treasurer for keeping us solvent.
9. Subscriptions for 2016/ 2017 MP suggested increasing the annual subs by £5.00 but it was agreed they should stay the same.
10. Any other business: Invitation received from Yate Town Council for a representative to attend the Remembrance Service on Sunday 13th Nov
Mike Robbins agreed to attend and present the Poppy Wreath.

LW expressed concerns that no thanks have been received from Brimsham Green School nor Genieri for the £50.00 donation sent to them. PS to email both asking what money has been spent on.

Following a request to move the annual AGM meeting date it was arranged for Friday 13th October 2017.

The meeting closed at 7. 40p.m.

This meeting was followed by the Annual Planning Meeting where initially Penny Spiller spoke of the way forward for Twinning and we talked through the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats and how changes/ improvements could be made. It was proposed that a representation be made to the Full Yate Town Council meeting on January 10th to raise their awareness of our commitment and request their support.

MM told the meeting that some members had met up with some of our friends from Germany recently when they were staying at the Hilton Hotel at Bradley Stoke on a visit to England (unrelated to Twinning). During this meeting we were informed it is very unlikely there would be a twinning trip to England for 2017, if so this will be the first time in 32 years there hasn't been an exchange visit.