

Yate Twinning Association Meeting

June 18th at 7.30pm

at Poole Court

Attendees: - Rick Boulton, Ruth Boulton, David Hardill, Gill Latham, Christine Monk, Martin Monk, Mike Robbins, Cleo Trotter & Kath Williams.

Apologies: - Ian Blair, John Booth, Lesley Killock, Mike Pearce, Wully Perks, Alan Spiller, Penny Spiller, Sue Walker & Gordon Williams.

Minutes of the Last Meeting: The committee agreed these were a true record of the meeting. CT and RiB forwarded and seconded this.

Matters Arising: -

Holiday Payments GL informed the committee the cheque for the holiday had now been sent off. There were 34 people going on the trip.

Committee discussed what presents to give to the German Twinners to mark the 25th Anniversary. The committee agreed on a plate to be designed by either a local artist from Chepstow or the Art Department of Brimsham Green School. MM & RuB are to follow this up. The wording is already decided upon.

Communications and Correspondence: -

a) Helga Krause has become deputy mayor of Bodenburg. We wish her success in this.

b) The Twinning Association have been invited to have stalls at both the Shopping Centre Talent Show event and the RNLI Heritage Centre event which take place on the same day (17th September). The committee agreed to have a stall at YHC.

c) The hired expert from the valuation event has said they would be happy to perform this function again.

Treasurer's Report

No report at this meeting.

Membership Matters

John Booth has had difficulties coming to meeting due to eye cataracts. He has decided to stand down from the committee as a result, but is keen to continue being involved with the Association.

Strawberries and Fizz Evening (3/7/10)

Figures for the event are still unknown. RuB asked the committee to commit to the evening. Following this there are at least 12 people now going to the event.

MM brought up licensing and selling alcohol. The Association would provide strawberries and cream and visitors could bring along their own fizz.

The committee have been asked to promote this event to outsiders. DH will ask the volunteers and Friends of YHC.

DH noted that Petanque was now more popular in Germany and it might be interesting to make some other links this way if there is a local Petanque group near BSD.

2010 German Trip

GL reported there were 34 people booked on the trip. The coach would now be leaving Somerset Avenue at 6.45am and materials could go on the coach before going to the other pick up point at the Leisure Centre (7am).

The committee discussed the different presents for the German anniversary. Tea Towels were considered an option and would cost £205 for 100. However, they would take 2 months to produce.

The committee also discussed mugs, notepads, calendars and sherry. It was agreed the group would spend up to £500 on three items and there was a preference for items which would last. These gifts would be presented at the 25th Anniversary Party. The committee noted the presents could be funded by surplus money gained from extra bodies on the coach. The Association had budgeted for 30 and had got 34.

Christmas Market

There was a choice between Birmingham and Worcester for the Christmas Market option. Worcester was the preferred option and easier to reach.

Any other Business: None

Date of Next Meeting: Friday the 16th of July