

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

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

Friday 18th February 2011 at 19:30

Present:

Officers and Committee:

Cleone Trotter
Wulstan Perks
Sue Walker
Kath Williams
Martin Monk
Mike Pearce

Ian Blair
Alan Spiller
Ruth Boulton
Gordon Williams
Rick Boulton
Pam Pearce

Also present: Penny Spiller, Laurence Walker, Christine Monk, Mary Perks

1. Apologies: Gill Latham, Rafael Pepiol, Mick Robbins

2. Minutes of the January meeting:

The minutes were proposed as an accurate record by WP and seconded by PP

3. Matters arising:

item 8(a): WP proposed a vote of thanks to the organisers – agreed unanimously
item 8(b): PS proposed a vote of thanks to the organisers – agreed unanimously
item 6: IB clarified the charges for rooms at Poole Court

4. Communications and Correspondence

RuB had heard from Wotton Auction Rooms re: proposed dates for the Valuation Evening.

5. Publicity and Contacts:

- (a) Information for The Boundary magazine has to be received by 15th of the relevant month.
- (b) South Gloucestershire Twinning Forum: MP agreed to represent Y&DTA at the AGM

6. Treasurer's report: IB reported that the Association has a working balance of £4458 and that in his opinion this was more than adequate for its ongoing needs. He therefore proposed that there was no need to bid for the grant from YTC at present. After discussion it was unanimously agreed that this matter be reviewed on an annual basis in time for a grant application, should one be deemed necessary. It was further agreed that a minimum working balance of £1000 be maintained.

It was resolved to write to the Town Clerk, thanking the Council for its financial support over the years, while maintaining the options for future applications as appropriate.

7. Membership matters, to include Web-site update:

PP reported that the number of web-site 'hits' recorded had increased considerably in January, also that the geographical locations were quite widespread. PP anticipated a further increase with the links from YTC and My Yate.

8. Programme of events:

(a) March 19th Social Event – DH is organising a "Horse Racing" evening to be held at the Cross Keys.

(b) St George's Day Event – Easter Saturday: there will be a Twinning stall – MM has the necessary items.

(c) December Christmas Markets - Coach Trip: PS reported that 14 deposits had been paid to date – it was agreed to extend the 'deadline' to 28th February. It was further agreed (6 in favour, 2 against, 4 abstentions) to proceed with trip even if it made a small loss.

9. Next meeting: Friday March 18th at 19:30 in Poole Court

10. A.O.B.

MP spoke on a personal basis about a charity bike-ride in aid of children of Chernobyl who will be visiting South Gloucestershire. It was unanimously agreed to make a donation of £100.

The meeting closed at: 21:10