

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

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

Friday 18th March 2011 at 19:30

Present:

Officers and Committee:

David Hardill
Cleone Trotter
Wully Perks
Kath Williams
Ruth Boulton
Martin Monk
Mike Pearce

Gill Latham
Ian Blair
Alan Spiller
Gordon Williams
Rafael Pepiol
Rick Boulton
Pam Pearce

Also present: Penny Spiller,

1. Apologies: Sue Walker, Mick Robbins,

2. Minutes of the February meeting:

The minutes were proposed as an accurate record by MM and seconded by DH

3. Matters arising: none

4. Communications and Correspondence: a letter had been received from a member of the Association regarding the committee decision not to apply for a YTC grant. There was unanimous agreement from those present that the original decision should stand, with particular emphasis on the location of the meetings. The letter of response to the member was read out and approved by the meeting. WP thanked the Secretary for composing the letter.

5. Publicity and Contacts:

(a) RB has placed an article in the Boundary Magazine for distribution around Yate and Sodbury.

(b) MP had attended the AGM of the South Glos Twinning Forum. He distributed a letter re: insurance and liability, offering a 'group rate' via SGTF, with possible future savings. The next meeting will be in June. MP proposed a £10 'subscription' to SGTF, which was supported by IB and agreed by the committee.

(c) My Yate (on internet) features our events – they are also included on the electronic display screen in Yate Library

6. Treasurer's report: IB had received a letter of thanks for the Chernobyl donation.

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

IB reported that all members have now paid for this year's membership.

PP reported that the usage of the web-site had reduced in numbers but increased in length of 'visit'. It was agreed to include pictures of the recent Council Visit to Bad Salzdetfurth.

8. Programme of events:

- (a) March 'Horse Racing' Event: DH explained the processes involved – there would be a full programme, with 22 participants in the betting.
- (b) St George's Day: volunteers were still needed to 'man' the stall. DH reported that it was expected to be a busy event.
- (c) Boat Trip – date now changed to Sunday June 19th – GL and PS to liaise and organise publicity.
- (d) Visit from Bad Salzdetfurth in September – only 13 participants, now flying to Gatwick. RB has booked a 17- seat minibus – we have 3 possible drivers.
- (e) Christmas Markets Coach Trip: it was agreed to book the 26 places, allowing for one 'extra' couple.

9. Next meeting: Friday May 13th at 19:30 in Poole Court (RP apologised)

10. A.O.B. PP suggested that it may be worth exploring a 'sharing' strategy' with Chipping Sodbury & Cesson TA.

The meeting closed at: 21:18