

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

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

Friday 13th January 2012 at 19:30

Present:

Officers and Committee:

Mick Robbins
Rafael Pepiol
Alan Spiller
Kath Williams
Martin Monk
Mike Pearce

Ruth Boulton
Ian Blair
Gill Latham
Gordon Williams
Rick Boulton
Pam Pearce

Also present: Peter Kendall

1. Apologies: David Hardill, Wully Perks

2. Minutes of the December meeting:

After the addition of Rafael Pepiol to the list of those present and the substitution of Forum for Federation in item 4, the minutes were proposed as an accurate record by IB and seconded by RP.

3. Matters arising: to include Report /Review of events since last meeting

(a) Item 9: Suggestion of talk / demonstration of Acupuncture. This is still a possibility – it would cost £25 for the Pop Inn. KW agreed to progress the matter.

(b) Item 3(a) – the names have been forwarded to Thomas Stelzer.

(c) Item 4: The choir is making good progress

(d) Item 3(b) Liege trip – PP requested photographs from the visit for the web-site

4. Communications and Correspondence

(a) A member had written to RB, regarding the costs of Coach Trips. Copies of the letter were distributed to those present. IB commented that there seemed to be a number of inaccuracies and misunderstandings in the letter. The actual loss made by the Liege trip was £223, with the accounting spread over two financial years. There was a long discussion of the issues raised. It was agreed that AS would compose a letter in reply setting out the relevant facts.

- (b) The official visit from Bad Salzdetfurth Council will take place at the beginning of March. The 4 visitors will arrive by car hired from Stansted Airport, so we only have to provide accommodation. It was agreed to raise the topic of cross-twinning collaboration re: Museums.

5. Treasurer's report: IB distributed a printed copy of his report: he highlighted several memberships and trip deposits.

6. Membership matters, to include Web-site update: there are 6 new members this year. On the web-site there have been a number of hits from South America amongst the monthly total of 39 visits.

7. Programme of events:

- (a) Annual Dinner – the Special Meeting to amend the constitution will take place before the start of the meal. There are to be 31 diners – an increase on 2011.
- (b) Quiz – MP requested volunteers for the evening. It was suggested that there be a 50/50 split on expenditure and profits.
- (c) Race Night: DH reported (by e-mail) that the matter is still in hand
- (d) August Visit to Germany: GL reported that after the officers had accepted that Bakers Dolphin had provided the cheapest quote, the cheque for the deposit had been sent to them. Bakers have found accommodation for their driver. On the return journey the hotel in Cologne will be the Mercure.
- (e) Barn Dance – November: DH reported (by e-mail) that the proposed date clashed with Remembrance events. IB agreed to investigate alternative venues.

9. Next Committee meeting: Friday February 17th at 19:30 in Poole Court

10. A.O.B.

- (a) It was noted that the Chairman and the Secretary will both be away for the February and March meetings: MM agreed to chair both – PP agreed to act as secretary for the February meeting, but may also be away in March.
- (b) PP informed the meeting that the AGM of the SGTF will take place at Yate Fire Station on 23rd February at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at: 21:23