

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

**MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2012 at 19:30**

Present:

Officers and Committee:

Mick Robbins  
Ian Blair  
Alan Spiller  
Martin Monk  
Mike Pearce

Ruth Boulton (RuB)  
David Hardill  
Gill Latham  
Rick Boulton (RiB)  
Pam Pearce

Also present: Laurence Walker, Alison Hardill, Sue Maggs

**1. Apologies:** Lesley Killock, Gordon Williams, Kath Williams, Wully Perks, Cleone Trotter, Sue Walker, Rafael Pepiol

**2. Minutes of the February meeting:**

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

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

(a) Pub Quiz: low numbers – profit: £64

(b) Race Night: low numbers – profit: £87

(c) Acupuncture Evening – very interesting – profit: £13

(d) Annual Council visit – successful: local arrangements had worked well

**4. Communications and Correspondence**

(a) recent copies of RUBS were distributed

(b) the chairman of Yate Athletic Club had enquired about the possibility of linking with a similar club in Bad Salzdetfurth; RuB had contacted the Partnerschaft to ask for assistance.

(c) a poster had been received from the Cesson link re: the visit in June

**5. Treasurer's report:** IB distributed the monthly update. After long discussion it was agreed unanimously to apply for a grant from YTC in 2012, to cover the running expenses of the association. IB agreed to prepare the documentation for the next meeting. (MR, IB and MM did not take part in the vote, having declared an interest).

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

PP reported great variation in the number of 'hits' – by month and location, also that the Facebook group format has changed

**8. Programme of events:**

(a) Boat Trip – postponed to next year

(b) BBQ: MM confirmed the date and location. £7.50 charge + B.Y.O.

(c) August visit to Germany: GL reported that 31 had paid /confirmed. Burkhardt's proposed programme was circulated, discussed and agreed

**9. Next Committee meeting:** Friday May18<sup>th</sup> at 19:30 in Poole Court (advance apologies from: KW, GW, GL, PP, MP)

**10. A.O.B.**

(a) IB reported that discussion had taken place at the March Council meetings regarding a possible 'joint' trip to Berlin with the Partnerschaft – possibly for the Christmas Markets in December 2013

(b) RuB brought up the issue of producing a Twinning Newsletter which could be printed by YTC distributed throughout Yate with the Town Council's Annual Report.

(c) RuB suggested a possible venue for a future visit: Bristol Blue Glass in Brislington (£5 pp – minimum of 10)

(d) PP agreed to contact Thomas Stelzer in Bad S. as there had been no news since our response to his request.

**The meeting closed at: 21:10**