

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

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

Friday 15th March 2013 at 19:30

Present:

Officers and Committee:

Nigel Ellis
Ian Blair
Rick Boulton (RiB)
Pam Pearce
Martin Monk
Gordon Williams

Ruth Boulton (RuB)
Alan Spiller
Gill Latham
Rafael Pepiol
Wully Perks
Kath Williams

Also present:

1. Apologies: David Hardill, Lesley Killock, Mike Pearce, Mike Robbins, Cleone Trotter, Sue Walker

2. Minutes of the February meeting:

The minutes were proposed as an accurate record by RiB and seconded by GW

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

(a) item 7(a) Skittles Match: WP confirmed the booking at Coalpit Heath Miners' Club; a refundable deposit of £25 had been paid. The event will be advertised on the website.

(b) item 7(c) Car Boot Sale: no poster yet.

4. Communications and Correspondence

YTC visit to Bad Salzdetfurth: MM and WP reported that discussions had been held on options for future trips, including Annual, Topic-based and Cultural. An all-inclusive annual trip was proposed: by air from Bristol to Hannover, coach to Bad Salzdetfurth, with options in Germany – hotel or family, staying all the time in Bad Salzdetfurth or joining a 'mixed' coach trip to the Alps for 3 or 4 days. June or September would produce the best prices for hotels. There was a favourable response by the members of the committee: it was agreed to keep this possibility on the agenda for further investigation. The German newspaper article was tabled, together with the translation.

5. Treasurer's report: IB's report was tabled – discussion took place about the use of the balance.

6. Membership matters, to include Web-site and Newsletter update:

(a) our new member has 'outside connections' – opportunities for language lessons and German films were discussed.

(b) PP reported that our subscription to the South Glos. Twinning Forum was now due: it was agreed to pay. There are possible new links with the proposed Air Heritage Museum at Filton Airfield. Anne Kennard had asked to be informed of our events - agreed. PP introduced and explained data from the web-site.

7. Programme of events:

(a) Skittles Match – booked for 6th April, e-mail invitations to be sent to South Glos associations via PP

(b) Kaffee und Kuchen (Yate Library) 11th April. Display to be put together by CM, MM, KW and PS. Publicity posters to be put in YTC display cases, if possible.

(c) Car Boot Sale: 27th April – members are welcome to bring their own car.

(d) Visit from Bad Salzdetfurth: the coach party will arrive at Poole Court for Afternoon Cream Tea, then walk through the Shopping Centre to Kingsgate Park before going to the hotel in Winterbourne, prior to their trip to Cornwall. It was agreed that all Association members be invited to the Cream Tea event. It was also agreed that the Association funds be used to pay for some of the entrance fees for the Germans who are staying with Yate Twinners. RuB will arrange a meeting with those hosting to co-ordinate the remainder of the week.

(e) Visit to Westonbirt: MM agreed to come back with options.

(f) Boat Trip: KW to organise a trip to Beese's Tea Gardens: 18th August

(g) Christmas Markets Trip – December: PS reported that there are 34 passengers. KW will bring a suitable quiz for the trip.

8. Next Committee meeting:

Friday March 15th at 19:30 in Poole Court

9. A.O.B.

(a) St George's Day event at the Heritage Centre: it was agreed to use the display prepared for the Library – it would then be taken to Poole Court for a longer term.

(b) Safeguarding Policy: it was agreed that the association needs to adopt a Safeguarding Policy – a copy of the YTC policy will be sent to the Chair for discussion at the next meeting.

The meeting closed at: 21:20