

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

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

Friday 19th April 2013 at 19:30

Present:

Officers and Committee:

Ruth Boulton (RuB)
Cleone Trotter
Alan Spiller
Rick Boulton (RiB)
Pam Pearce
Martin Monk
David Hardill

Lesley Killock
Ian Blair
Sue Walker
Gill Latham
Rafael Pepiol
Mike Pearce

Also present: Laurence Walker, Penny Spiller, Peter Kendall, Alwyn Kendall

1. Apologies: Nigel Ellis, Kath Williams, Gordon Williams, Mick Robbins, Wully Perks

2. Minutes of the March meeting:

After amendments to item 6(b) to read “Anne Kennard, Chair of the Bristol-Hannover Council, had asked to be informed of our events: it was agreed that RP and PP should liaise with her” and to correct the date of the meeting shown in item 8, the minutes were proposed as an accurate record by IB and seconded by RP, then agreed by those present.

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

(a) Safeguarding Policy: deferred until next meeting.

(b) Skittles match: the venue (Miners’ Club) had proved successful – thanks to WP for organising the event; our new member had enjoyed the event – it was also profitable.

(c) item 6(b): the SGTF subscription has been paid.

(d) item 7(b): the Kaffee und Kuchen session at Yate Library had been successful: visitors from Bristol-Hannover had been impressed. £58 profit had been made: it was agreed to send a letter of thanks to Yate Library.

(e) item 9(a): the display was now in the Heritage Centre: it would then be taken to Poole Court to be ready for the visitors from Germany.

4. Communications and Correspondence

(a) MM has received a letter from the Bad Salzdetfurth Art Society, responding to the speech he made at the Anniversary Meeting in March. In the letter there are positive suggestions for future joint activities between the towns: MM has responded, asking for further details; RuB reminded the meeting that there are ongoing exploratory ‘negotiations’ between the two tennis clubs, but that it is a slow process.

(b) RuB reported that she had received an e-mail from a member of the association who was distressed at the apparent demise of the regular family visits by coach: this led to a long discussion among the committee on the merits of 'hosting', which in turn led to numerous proposals for alternatives, such as the use of hotels and the new direct flights from Bristol to Hannover. It was agreed to take the matter further at the next meeting, after the German visit to Yate and Cornwall.

(c) South Glos Discover Festival 2013 – further links are to be explored

(d) Chipping Sodbury Tourist Office now has a web-site: RuB agreed to explore and report back.

5. Treasurer's report: IB tabled his report. He added that there have been 34 deposits for the Christmas Markets trip.

6. Membership matters, to include Web-site and Newsletter update: there have been 5 memberships taken up from previous trips.

7. Programme of events:

(a) Car Boot Sale: advertisements have been placed and there has been interest on the website.

(b) Visit from Bad Salzdetfurth: RuB reported on the meeting with the hosts. The Mayor of Yate will host a welcome for the whole coach party in Poole Court: a Cream Tea will be supplied. It was then unanimously agreed that Association Funds be used to pay for the hosts and visitors to go to the Devizes Brewery Tour, for an evening meal at Poole Court for all members and the visitors, also for the farewell meal – a carvery lunch at Tortworth Court – for guests and hosts; other members will be welcome to participate at their own expense.

(c) Visit to Westonbirt – postponed until the autumn – MM to advise.

(d) Steam Railway (GWSR – Cheltenham) – June: postponed until July, pending advice from WP.

(e) Strawberries, Tea and Croquet in Winterbourne – date in June t.b.c.

(f) BBQ: date agreed – 13th July

(g) Boat Trip: Bristol to Beese's Tea Gardens on Sunday 18th August – 20 places have been provisionally booked: £8.75 pp – must be paid in advance.

(h) Christmas Markets – December: PS was asked to check the availability of 2 single rooms for the trip.

8. Next Committee meeting: Friday May 17th at 19:30 in Poole Court
(apologies in advance from: PP,MP,IB, NE)

9. A.O.B.

The Filton Twinning Association is holding a Quiz on 20th April

The meeting closed at: 21:20