

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

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

Friday 17th May 2013 at 19:30

Present:

Officers and Committee:

Ruth Boulton (RuB)

Cleone Trotter

Alan Spiller

Gill Latham

Martin Monk

Gordon Williams

Lesley Killock

Nigel Ellis

Rick Boulton (RiB)

Kath Williams

Wully Perks

Also present: Penny Spiller, Mary Perks

1. Apologies: Ian Blair, Pam Pearce, Mike Pearce, Rafael Pepiol, Sue Walker

2. Minutes of the April meeting:

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

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

(a) Safeguarding Policy: not yet available from YTC

(b) Visit from Bad Salzdetfurth: RuB expressed her grateful thanks to those members who had hosted the 4 visitors – the week had been successful and all organised activities had been enjoyable, particularly in the sunshine. NE reported on the coach trip to Cornwall: the members of the Partnerschaft seemed to have enjoyed their Cornish experiences.

(c) Item 3(d) RuB reported that the letter had been sent to Yate Library

(d) Item 3(e) Our display was now in Poole Court

(e) Item 4(d) The Chipping Sodbury Tourist Office Grant Application is still proceeding

(f) Item 7(a) The Car Boot Sale had been very successful: there was £145 clear profit. There was a unanimous vote of thanks to KW for arranging the event.

4. Communications and Correspondence

RuB reported that the Yate International Festival will be held at the Heritage Centre on 21st September.

5. Treasurer's report: IB's printed report was tabled: there were no questions

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

No report, other than a request for NE to compose an article for the newsletter on the Coach Trip to Cornwall.

7. Programme of events:

- (a) Visit to Westonbirt – MM: postponed until September
- (b) Strawberries, Tea and Croquet with Boules in Winterbourne – June 18th – NE explained the procedure that he envisaged for the afternoon.
- (c) Steam Railway (GWSR – Cheltenham) August 3rd now suggested date. WP to report back at next meeting.
- (d) July BBQ – 13th July from 5pm – MM agreed to sell tickets at £7.50 per person (BYO drinks and chairs). KW agreed to organise a raffle.
- (e) August 18th Boat Trip from Bristol to Beese's Tea Gardens: 2pm – 6pm: KW to be 'contact' for tickets (£8.75 Seniors)
- (f) Christmas Markets Trip – December – RuB reported that we could have the same driver again (Peter) – it was agreed to request
- (g) 2014 trip to Bad Salzdetfurth – NE presented Reinhard Nipp's proposals for a 'joint' coach holiday to the Alps in June, based on the assumption that the Yate members travel independently from Bristol to Hannover Airport – this is based on a minimum party of 8 from Yate. Reinhard Nipp, as Chairman of the Partnerschaft in Bad Salzdetfurth, reports that they are no longer able to organise anything for Yate members wishing to travel to Bad Salzdetfurth for the 'traditional' Twinning Visit in August. Members of the Committee expressed great concern, echoing the feelings already expressed by many of the Yate membership, that this represents the demise of Yate's Town Twinning as we understand it. The committee agreed, after much discussion, to consult the Yate membership on Herr Nipp's proposals.
- (h) First World War Commemorations 1914 - 2014 (South Glos) – letter from George Kousouros: it was agreed that this matter is best dealt with by the SGTF.

8. Next Committee meeting:

Friday June 21st at 19:30 in Poole Court (apologies: AS)

9. A.O.B.

- (i) MM agreed to check with Brimsham Green School re: Awards Ceremony
- (ii) WP proposed thanks to MM for his contribution to Twinning during his years as Town Mayor: agreed unanimously.

The meeting closed at: 21:20