

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

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

Friday 21st June 2013 at 19:30

Present:

Officers and Committee:

Ruth Boulton (RuB)	Lesley Killock
Ian Blair	Nigel Ellis
Sue Walker	Gill Latham
Rick Boulton (RiB)	David Hardill
Martin Monk	Wully Perks
Mike Pearce	Pam Pearce
Gordon Williams	Kath Williams

Also present: Linda Ellis, Alison Hardill, Chris Monk, Laurence Walker

1. Apologies: Alan Spiller, Rafael Pepiol

2. Minutes of the May meeting:

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

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

(a) Item 7(b) RuB thanked Nigel and Linda for hosting the afternoon of croquet, boules and strawberries, which had been very enjoyable. NE had been disappointed at the lack of support.

(b) Item 7(h) (First World War Commemorations 1914 – 2014, South Glos) DH reported that at the Events meeting, it had been agreed that there was scope to work with different twinned towns.

Issues raised:

- There was interest in showing the German perspective.
- There might be an opportunity to work with linked schools.
- SGTF had asked individual twinning associations to make contact with their twinned towns about providing items for the South Glos Museums exhibition.
- DH explained that it would be possible to be involved at different times: for 2014, 2016 and 2018. The deadline for the beginning was September. DH was able to pass on contributions, though he was concentrating on the Yate area.
- There was a view that the focus should be on the Home Front and conscientious objectors rather than the military.
- A balance should be maintained.
- A representative from Bad Salzdetfurth might be invited to take part in the War Graves visit during the Christmas Markets trip.
- A joint service could be held.

DH stressed the need to contact Bad Salzdetfurth as soon as possible. RuB would write to Rolf Jacobs and copy in Erich Schaper. She would ask for contact details.

4. Communications and Correspondence

- (a) RuB had been in contact with Sodbury Tennis Club, but had not heard back from them.
- (b) NE had not received a reply from Reinhard Nipp or Burkhard Helfenbein about the visit in 2014.
- (c) SW and LW had taken Reiner and Riet Wegner to a South Gloucestershire Music Service concert. The Head of Music, Richard Jones, was interested in taking a band to Bad Salzdetfurth. SW would obtain more information before RuB made further enquiries.

5. Treasurer's report: IB's printed report was tabled. The visit from Bad Salzdetfurth had cost just under £500. Following discussion, it was agreed that the Association should apply for a grant from Yate Town Council for running and project costs.

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

The website had received 99 visitors in April, but fewer in May. This was attributed to the Car Boot Sale. KW would contact the caretaker at Brimsham Green School about holding another one in mid September (not 21st). Enquiries were being made about a refreshments van.

7. Programme of events:

- (a) July BBQ – 13th July from 5pm. Twelve people so far. Chris Monk would contact RuB if she needed help with catering.
- (b) Steam Railway (GWSR – Cheltenham) August 3rd. Free car parking at Cheltenham racecourse. Train leaves 10.55am, get off at Toddington or Winchcombe. Contact WP for further details.
- (c) August 18th Boat Trip from Bristol to Beese's Tea Gardens: 2pm – 6pm: contact KW by end of July for tickets.
- (d) Visit to Westonbirt – cancelled because of Car Boot Sale.
- (e) 2014 trip to Bad Salzdetfurth – RuB thanked all those who had responded to the consultation on the proposed trip. One had been in favour and the rest of the replies against. This included responses from new members and those who had been members of Frampton Cotterell Twinning. RuB summarised the comments. Most people felt that a long weekend would be the way forward (travelling by plane from Bristol Airport). Several had asked that the visit should not be in May or June. RuB asked when it should take place (as August was not possible). Several people had referred back to the original agreement and had asked what Bad Salzdetfurth residents thought.

There was an open discussion by the Committee and others present at the meeting. It was agreed that RuB would write to Reinhard Nipp, Burkhard Helfenbein, Waltraud Ottleben, Reiner Wegner and Erich Schaper, proposing that the visit should take place from a Friday to Monday either in April (Easter) or September 2014 (as it was not possible to go in August), with an option of staying with hosts or in a hotel. The document would be drafted between this and the next meeting. The results of the Consultation would be put on the website.

8. Next Committee meeting:

Friday July 19th at 19:30 in Poole Court

9. A.O.B.

- (i) The Croquet, Boules and Strawberries afternoon had raised £17.50.
- (ii) MM agreed to represent the Twinning Association at Brimsham Green School Awards Ceremony.
- (iii) It was suggested that there should be a 'taster stall' at the International Festival.
- (iv) SW proposed that the Twinning Association make a small donation to the Yate-Genieri Link Microloan Scheme.

The meeting closed at: 21:35