

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

**MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2013 at 19:30**

Present:

Officers and Committee:

Ruth Boulton (RuB)  
Sue Walker  
Rick Boulton (RiB)  
Mike Pearce  
Gordon Williams  
Alan Spiller  
David Hardill

Nigel Ellis  
Pam Pearce  
Gill Latham  
Martin Monk  
Kath Williams  
Rafael Pepiol

Also present: P.Spiller, C.Monk, L.Walker L. Ellis and A. Hardill

**1. Apologies:** Cleone Trotter, Lesley Killock, Wully Perks

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

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

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

Item 7(b): the August Boat Trip had had been very successful and enjoyable: thanks were due to KW.

Item 9(a): the donation of £40 as a 'micro-loan' to the Genieri link – RuB to follow up.

Item 9(b): the 'Kaffee und Kuchen' at the Library had not taken place – insufficient numbers to run it!

**4. Communications and Correspondence**

(a) Letter from Reinhard Nipp: this was a response to the letter sent by this committee to the Partnerschaft and to the Bürgermeister in Bad Salzdetfurth regarding 'alternative' proposals for future years. (Proposals for 2014 are referred to under item 7(e) of these minutes).

(b) Letter from Brimsham Green School: the Awards Ceremony will now take place in December – we will receive the formal invitation later.

(c) Letter from British Legion re: wreath on Armistice Day – it was agreed to pay for the wreath and to ask Mike Robbins to attend the ceremony.

(d) Letter from YTC confirming the success of our grant application and asking for invoices to be supplied by 31<sup>st</sup> December.

**5. Treasurer's report:** IB presented the Annual Statement of Accounts for 2013 for approval at the AGM. He agreed that the new on-line banking arrangements were easier to operate. MM proposed and LW seconded a vote of thanks to the Treasurer: it was agreed unanimously.

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

PP reported that July and August had not been as busy as June. It was agreed that the photos on the web-site need to be updated – PP was asked to investigate.

**7. Programme of events:**

- (a) Annual General Meeting: Friday Oct 18<sup>th</sup>  
RP offered to talk for up to 15 minutes on the topic of “Nationality and Nations”; DH offered to assist. It was agreed to provide refreshments. A number of completed nominations for committee and officer posts were received.
- (b) Planning Meeting: at Poole Court from 10am to 12 noon on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October: refreshments will be provided.
- (c) Kaffee und Kuchen: 20<sup>th</sup> November from 10.30am onwards; £2.50 pp
- (d) Christmas Markets Trip: it was agreed that the single-room supplement will be £20 per person per night. PS envisaged a small profit for the association. The driver's tip was agreed to be maximum £100.
- (e) 2014 trip to Bad Salzdetfurth: it was agreed that the 2014 visit to Bad Salzdetfurth should be a “long week-end”, using BMI Regional flights from Bristol to Hanover. AS was asked to advertise the trip “in principal” before the Planning Meeting to ascertain availability and date preferences. MP reported that other twinning associations are struggling with numbers.

**8. Next Committee meeting:**

Friday November 15<sup>th</sup> at 19:30 in Poole Court: agreed

**9. A.O.B.**

- (a) It was reported that Werner and Helga Krause are making a short, private visit to Yate: it was agreed to host a “welcome reception” for them in the Pop Inn on October 14<sup>th</sup>. AS agreed to advertise to the membership – with the suggestion of a plate to share with BYO drinks.
- (b) WW1 project: RuB reported that there has been no response from Bad Salzdetfurth (our contact: Rolf Jakobs). DH reported on the South Glos museums project for the summer of 2014.
- (c) Yate International Day: RuB asked for volunteers to assist with the stall.

**The meeting closed at: 21:30**