

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

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

Friday 15th November 2013 at 19:30

Present:

Officers and Committee:

Ruth Boulton (RaB)	Lesley Killock
Nigel Ellis	Pam Pearce
Penny Spiller	Mike Pearce
Rick Boulton (RB)	Gill Latham
Martin Monk	Ian Blair
Kath Williams	David Hardill

Also present: Linda Ellis, Chris Monk, Gordon Williams, Alan Spiller

1. Apologies: Wully Perks, Mike Robbins

2. Minutes of the September meeting: item 6 PP asked that "PP was asked to investigate" be removed from these minutes, as she was just bringing this item to the committee's attention.

The minutes were proposed as an accurate record by KW and seconded by NE.

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

RaB has paid the Twinning's £40 donation to Barbara Flannery of Genieri Link and Barbara suggested after her visit to Genieri in November she could attend a twinning meetings to tell us about her visit.

4. Communications and Correspondence

RaB apologised, letter received from Yate Shopping Centre had not been read in time to apply for a stall at the Shopping Centre Christmas Family Celebration Day on 23rd November.

NE has received a letter from Reinhard Nipp saying two 16year old girls from Bad Salzdetfurth would like to stay with families in Yate for 2 weeks at the beginning of April 2014, NE has not received any offers for hosting, it was suggested contacts be made with the Yate Senior Schools.

No formal invitation has been received for the awards evening at Brimsham Green School on Tuesday 17th December.

Genieri Link Bring and Buy sale Thursday 5th December 2-7p.m. 12 Lime Croft Yate

5. Treasurer's report: copy of report given to committee

IB apologised an amount of £110 for Public Liability Insurance through the South Glos Twinning Forum had been misrecorded under the wrong heading although the final totals as presented were correct.

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

PP explained Mark has updated the Twinning Website he has only charged for the software required and not his time. PP expressed her concern there have been fewer visitors to the website and asked how we can encourage more hits, she has been putting things on Facebook hoping to get more attention.

7. Programme of events:

The proposed programme for the year was then discussed

- (a) **Wednesday 20th November** Kaffee und Kuchen £2.50 & raffle Ruth & Ricks
- (b) **6th – 9th December** Christmas market trip: Bakers have agreed the proposed itinerary and PS has emailed a programme for the trip to those travelling. The coach will leave Yate at 6.00a.m. earlier than was hoped, the coach driver will be Michael. MM will buy the drinks required for the trip and KW mince pies and shortbread.
- (c) **Saturday 25th January** IB confirmed rooms booked 6.00p.m. to 11.p.m. subject to caretaker being available. Agreed £12.50 a head children £5.00 bring your own drink. MM and CM starters KW PP and RaB main and IB desserts.
- (d) **Sunday 23rd February** Skittles at Creda: Laurence Walker to book.
- (e) **March** Lecture at Yate Library: DH has confirmed this venue, and he will arrange a date with Rafael Pepiol to speak, preferably a Thursday in March.
- (f) **April** Date to be arranged for a Sunday walk with Laurence Walker leading.
- (g) **May** Boat trip: Subject to availability of the Matthew.
- (h) **Saturday 14th June** Chairman's afternoon
- (i) **Saturday 12th July** Annual Barbecue
- (j) **August** Afternoon cream tea at Peter and Alwyn's

Trip to Bad Salzdetfurth PS gave committee details of three options of trips she had investigated, two by coach with prices from Bakers Dolphins i) a long weekend in BS and ii) as i) with a stop off in Boppard for two nights on route. The third option was flying from Birmingham airport. The committee agreed the second option staying in Boppard on route to BS would be the best option and the cost of £425 per person was agreed.

- (k) **Saturday 27th September** Travelling Supper
- (l) **Friday 17th October** AGM with Speaker
- (m) **Saturday 15th November** Supper and Twinning History with Penny Spiller at Yate Heritage Centre.

8. Next Committee meeting:

Friday 13th December at 19:30 in Poole Court

9. A.O.B. NE attended South Glos Forum Heritage meeting recently and will write to members with report of meeting, discussion continued relating to the WW1 centenary NE will write to Reinhard Nipp asking for contacts to gather information relating to the war.

South Glos Twinning Forum meeting Thursday 21st November NE to attend.

The meeting closed at: 9.45p.m.