

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

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

Friday 25th January 2013 at 19:30

Present:

Officers and Committee:

Nigel Ellis
Ian Blair
Rick Boulton (RiB)
Mike Pearce
Martin Monk
Lesley Killock
Gordon Williams

Ruth Boulton (RuB)
Alan Spiller
Gill Latham
Pam Pearce
Kath Williams
Wully Perks

Also present: Penny Spiller, Linda Ellis, Chris Monk

1. Apologies: Mick Robbins, Sue Walker, David Hardill, Rafael Pepiol

2. Minutes of the November meeting:

After the addition of Nigel Ellis to the list of those present, the minutes were proposed as an accurate record by WP and seconded by MM.

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

(a) Item 4(c): PP and MP had attended the conference – the main speaker had dealt with sources of finance; a number of useful contacts were made.

4. Communications and Correspondence

(a) Our entry in the YTC guidebook had been updated for the new edition.

(b) The Chairman had been invited to attend the Town Council visit to Bad Salzdetfurth in March, but was not able to attend. The Association will be represented by MM.

(c) The proposed link between Chipping Sodbury Tennis Club and Bad Salzdetfurth is at present under negotiation.

5. Treasurer's report: IB presented a printed report for the month: he wished to highlight the receipt of the grant from YTC.

6. Membership matters, to include Web-site and Newsletter update: none

7. Programme of events:

- (a) Annual Dinner: 28 participants are expected to attend.
- (b) Kaffee und Kuchen: 12th February – this will be a 'bring & buy' books event.
- (c) Skittles Match in Frampton Cotterell – date to be confirmed by WP.
- (d) Car Boot Sale: KW confirmed the date: Saturday 27th April at Brimsham Green School, from 10 am to 2 pm – KW, GW and RiB to attend, charging £5 per vehicle.
- (e) Visit from Bad Salzdetfurth: it was reported that only 4 of the coach party will be staying in Yate – the remainder (34) will be continuing on their way to tour Cornwall and then pick up the 4 on their way back to the airport. Unanimous concern was expressed that the number of German 'Twinners' visiting Yate this year was so small. It was agreed that the matter should be put to YTC and raised during the March visit. Members of the committee were worried about the implications for future group visits to and from Bad Salzdetfurth. NE agreed to make a personal approach to try to obtain details of timings in April and May, so that appropriate arrangements can be made.
- (f) Christmas Markets Trip – December: PS reported that 26 deposits had been received – the hotel in Amiens is 'holding' 40 beds for our party.

9. Next Committee meeting:

Friday February 15th at 19:30 in Poole Court - agreed

10. A.O.B.

It was suggested that there be a river boat trip in August – possibly to Beese's Tea Gardens – details at the next meeting.

The meeting closed at: 20:50