

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

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

Friday 17th January 2014 at 19:30

Those present:

Ruth Boulton (RaB)	Martin Monk
Rick Boulton (RB)	Ian Blair
Kath Williams	Mike Pearce
Gill Latham	Pam Pearce
Cleo Trotter	Lesley Killock
	Wully Perks

Also present: Chris Monk, Gordon Williams and Laurence Walker

1. Apologies: Nigel Ellis, Penny Spiller, Alan Spiller, Linda Ellis, David Hardill, Mike Robbins and Sue Walker

2. Minutes of the December meeting:

RaB apologised that Penny Spiller had been left off those present and item 6 should read PP offered training..... "for updating the website N.E. and M.M would like to do this".

The minutes were proposed as an accurate record by IB and seconded by RB.

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

The awards evening at Brimsham Green School took place on Tuesday 17th December, the Twinning Award was present to Daniel Harvey for his contribution to international community links, IB had requested a copy of the photo taken of him and checked with Daniel and his parents that they were okay with the twinning putting his photo on the twinning web site, as yet IB has not received a copy of the photo and will chase this up.

4. Communications and Correspondence:

Informed all of Peter Kendall's progress after he had a stroke whilst on holiday.

P.S has written to Bakers Dolphins regarding the Christmas Market Trip last December praising the driver Michael Blowers for his driving skills and courteousness. PS then gave a report of the problems encountered, through no fault of the driver, asking that her letter be passed onto the operations department and it be considered for compensation, she asked for reassurance that a better service would be received in the future. To date no reply has been received.

An email has been received from Yate Library offering the opportunity to hold another coffee morning as before.

Genieri Link Newsletter received giving a report of the Micro Loans project that twinning have made a donation to.

A Christmas card had been received from Reinhard Nipp. .

5. Treasurer's report: IB reported the funds were in a good position of £3148.47. £500 has been paid to Bakers Dolphins as a deposit for the trip to Bad Salzdetfurth in August.

6. Membership matters, to include Web-site: Annual membership payments coming in, IB to send out reminder letters for the rest.

Letters received from Mark Reynolds offering a new email support system for the web site.

PP gave the monthly analytic report for the web site and discussion followed to how more hits to the web site could be encouraged. Request made that it was highlighted where ever possible.

7. Programme of events:

Annual Dinner Saturday 25th January 26 people now coming.

Skittle match Sunday 23rd February at Creda Social Club 12.00 until 2.30p.m.
£1.00 per person plus a plate of food to be shared. To be advertised

DH is still working with Rafael on a date and speaker for the proposed lecture planned to be held in Yate Library.

8. Next Committee meeting:

Friday 21st February at 19:30 in Poole Court

9. A.O.B. Discussion held for the cost of children going on the August trip, decided to be £280.00. Suggestions have not been made yet for the day trips whilst in BS, neither are there detailed plans of the official visit to Yate when the trip to BS will be discussed. Committee to discuss trip ideas at February meeting.

IB told of invitations for 4 people received by YTC for a visit to BS in July 2014 for a Peace Conference to which representatives from all the Twin Towns are invited to.

MP asked if Yate Twinning were ever asked to contribute to YTC Newsletter and if they were, he could write an article. Newsletter produced 4 times a year but only one copy delivered to all homes.

KW has contacted Brimsham Green School and booked a Car Boot sale for 11th May 9.00a.m. to 1.0p.m. Okay for vehicle selling food. Use of toilets to be confirmed.

PP asked if any information been received for WW1 exhibition as needed by end of Feb. Nothing received.

The meeting closed at: p.m. 8.53p.m.