

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

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

Friday 11th April 2014 at 19:30

Present:

Officers and Committee:

Wully Perks	Gill Latham
Mike Robbins	Ian Blair
Rick Boulton	Penny Spiller
Martin Monk	Sue Walker
Mike Pearce	Kath Williams
Pam Pearce	

Also present: Chris Monk, Alan Spiller, Laurence Walker, Gordon Williams

1. Apologies: Ruth Boulton, David Hardill, Lesley Killock

2. Minutes of the March meeting:

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

- a. Under item 6, MP had meant Council visit, rather than civic service. A photo had now appeared in the Gazette.
- b. **Peace Festival** – Laurence and Mary would be attending with Sue Walker and Wully Perks.

4. Communications and Correspondence

IB to book Yate Heritage Centre for Twinning Lecture.

MP had attended a Grants session by George Kousouros at South Gloucestershire Twinning Forum. They were looking into projects involving several twinning associations suitable for European funding. Food had been suggested as a topic. MP to report back that there was some interest from Yate Twinning, though they were unsure about Bad Salzdetfurth involvement.

Linda Ellis wanted to thank everyone for their cards and kind thoughts. She was pleased to see so many Twinning members at Nigel's funeral.

5. Treasurer's report:

Twenty-six deposits had been paid for the August visit (IB to check with MM). They needed to ensure that names matched passports for the coach company. IB to send updated list of members to RaB.

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

PP circulated report on website, showing increased usage. She had asked for a quote for changing the photos on the Home Page.

7. Programme of events:

a. Twinning Lecture Thursday 24th April, Rafael Pepiol, Yate & District Heritage Centre. RaB had sent out emails. URL for Yate Twinning website was wrong on the poster. 7.30pm, £2 entry, free to Yate Twinning members.

b. Walk around Castle Combe Sunday 4th May, Laurence Walker. Meet 10.30am in Chipping Sodbury Car Park. Four miles.

c. Car Boot Sale Sunday 11th May, Kath Williams. Toilets available. Urn needed. PP to publicise to Claire Jaggard for My Yate (with other events) and Andy Lowrey for Yate Shopping Centre website.

d. BBQ Saturday 19th July. Tickets £7.50 each, bring your own drink.

e. Pre-Trip meeting to be held on Friday 18th July. Twinning meeting to start at 7pm followed by pre-trip meeting.

f. Visit 19th August. Twenty-six deposits had been received, another 4 were needed to break even. RaB to send out reminder re final balances to be paid by end of May. There was a discussion about whether to go to Leipzig – MM to check what is open on a Sunday. Alternative proposal – Lüneburg Heath/Celle. Wolfsburg was definite for the other trip – the Museum, as it was not possible to go round the factory.

8. Next Committee meeting:

Friday 16th May at 19.30 in Poole Court (apologies Pam Pearce, Wully Perks, if unable to attend due to treatment earlier in the day).

9. A.O.B.

Annika Rabe was enjoying her stay with David and Sarah Boulton, including trips to Bath and Chepstow Castle.

The meeting closed at: 8.25pm