

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

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

Friday 12th December 2014 at 19:30

Present:

Officers and Committee:

Martin Monk Ruth Boulton
Penny Spiller Rick Boulton
Kath Williams Sue Walker
Gill Latham

Also present: Gordon Williams, Alan Spiller, Stan Bird (Chair of Chipping Sodbury Twinning) Linda Ellis, and Laurence Walker

1. Apologies: Pam Pearce, Alison Hardill, David Hardill, Lesley Killock and Mike Robbins

MM welcomed Stan Bird to our meeting.

2. Minutes of the November meeting:

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

3. Matters arising: to include Report /Review of events since last meeting
MM has tried to communicate with Bakers Dolphin regarding a Christmas Market trip for 2015 has not been successful but will try again.

4. Communications and Correspondence

Brimsham Green Awards evening Monday 15th December, David and Alison Hardill attending on behalf of Yate Twinning. Award being presented to the Schools Hosanna Group, committee decided to give cheque for £50.00 with the trophy, but suggestion made that we ask the school if award could be made to different person next year so it does not become expected that we will always award £50 to the Hosanna Group.

5. Treasurer's report: The presentation evening in the Old Grammar School in November made £25.

Reminders for membership fees will be sent out in the New Year and membership cards will be sent out on receipt of the payment.

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

Stan Bird thanked the committee for advertising for Chipping Sodbury Twinning on our web site and said they would do the same for Yate

7. Programme of events:

Many dates are fixed for events next year also St. Georges Day at Yate Heritage Centre is Saturday 25th April when there will be a Bottle Tombola on the Twinning stall. Requests were made for donations of unwanted bottle bags.

PS asked we put every effort into making money at the events because of the 30th Anniversary celebrations in 2015. Discussions were had regarding future raffles and if money should be spent on buying prizes to encourage the purchase of tickets, it was decided to leave this to Kath to buy what she feels is necessary. Stan Bird advised that Morrisons have been known to donate prizes and to see Maz, Tuesday is usually the day she deals with charities. It was also suggested approaching Waitrose as they support local charities.

8. Next Committee meeting: Friday 16th January 7.30p.m.

A.O.B. PS suggested focusing on the June visit at the next meeting. .

The meeting closed at: 8.00p.m.....

and was followed by a Christmas social get together for all members.