

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

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

Friday 20th November 2015 at 19:30

Present:

Officers and Committee:

Martin Monk	Ruth Boulton	Wully Perks
Penny Spiller	Rick Boulton	Alison Hardill
Gill Latham	Neil Gordon	David Hardill
Kath Williams	Pam Pearce	Sue Walker

Also present: Gordon Williams, Alan Spiller and Mike Pearce

1. Apologies: Lesley Killock

2. Minutes of September's meeting:

The minutes were proposed as an accurate record by WP

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

N/A

4. Communications and Correspondence

Following comments made at the AGM regarding the proximity of dates of our two exchange trips MM has written to Chipping Sodbury Twinning suggesting that we work on coordinating more. PP reported back from Sodbury group they thought the crossover of dates was probably a one of situation that Yate members are welcome to attend Sodburys meeting, although they weren't so keen on the two groups amalgamating.

Correspondence has been received from Yate Heritage Centre the painting of the post box at the centre has been to the committee and consent will probably be agreed for the box to go back to the original colour of yellow.

5. Treasurer's report: given out by PS activity since last report 22 deposits received for next year's trip, money been paid from Yate Town Council for the celebration dinner with the Germans earlier this year, £70.00 from the stall at the International Day.

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

Nothing to report

7. Programme of events:

Thursday 26th November train trip to Worcester Christmas Markets 11 o'clock train being caught.

Wednesday 2nd December Bristol German Christmas Markets PP has booked a table for 10+ or – at 1.00 o'clock asked to arrive for 12.45p.m.

Saturday 5th December Coffee Morning at Yate Library 10.00 to 12.00
Coffee and a German type biscuit or cake to be £1.50 Christmas Hamper raffle, some goods donated. PS has been researching German Christmas traditions and will producing some display boards for the morning she will also produce some leaflets to give out on the morning both inside and outside of the library to bring more people in. WP asked that a courtesy permission be asked of Andy Lowry the Manager of the shopping centre to give out leaflets in the shopping centre.

Thursday 17th December Carol Service at Yate Heritage Centre 6.00p.m. There are likely to be children from schools and parents there and MM would like volunteers from the twinning to be there to help promote the Twinning. MM, NG, RaB and RmB to attend.

Saturday 30th January 2016 main room and kitchen booked, price of tickets agreed to be £15.00 per person. PS, KW, SW, CM, PP, NG and AH agreed to make something for the evening AH would like to make a dessert.

Saturday 20th February coffee morning at Yate Library KW had wanted to book the week before so Valentine's could be the theme but this was booked, discussion was held for another theme but none decided. It was agreed there would be a tombola stall.

Early March Official visit Yate Town Council have been in touch with Rolf Jacobs in Bad Salzdetfurth to invite the officials over but nothing confirmed at this time. PP asked if Thomas Stelzer was likely to come over, could Brimsham Green School be involved.

Saturday 23rd April St. Georges Day at Yate Heritage Centre, Twinning to have a stall and after the success of this year's AH happy to do a Bottle Tombola again.

Saturday 16th or 30th April NG has been looking into Race Nights if we have a projector and screen a DVD can be purchased to run these nights, several venues have been looked into, Shire Way or Chipping Sodbury Golf Club other suggestions of The Horseshoe Pub and Yate Town Football Club were made, it was agreed that a venue where there are other customers to take part was needed. NG will do more research and proposes to get business to buy horses to boost the funds.

31st May – 8th June Trip to Bad Salzdetfurth Only 22 deposits received to date, should the trip go ahead was discussed this would mean a loss of around £2000.00, which the association can't afford. Although a vote was taken as to whether the trip should go ahead it was then agreed to ask for an extension of time until our next meeting of 11th December to pay the £3000.00 deposit during which time we would endeavour to get more people, it was suggested that 26 people would be something to aim for, PS will do a projection of the figures.

June Proposed train trip to Bradford on Avon – New Timetables will be available in the New Year AH asked if this could trip could be on a weekend so she could join in.

Saturday 17th September International Day at Yate Heritage Centre Twinning to have a stall and AH happy to do a Treasure Hunt again.

8. Next Committee meeting: Friday 11th December at 7.30p.m.

Any other Business

NG told of a Barn Dance caller he knew that also played disco music in between and calling for the charge of £300.00 it was thought that not only a suitable venue would need to be found but a lot of tickets would need to be sold, so more research was needed and perhaps it was something that could be held towards the end of next year to allow plenty of time for tickets to be sold.

The meeting closed at: 9.00p.m.