

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

**MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2015 at 19:30**

Present:

Officers and Committee:

Martin Monk	Ruth Boulton	Lesley Killock	Mike Robbins
Penny Spiller	Rick Boulton	David Hardill	Ian Blair
Gill Latham	Neil Gordon	Alison Hardill	
Kath Williams	Pam Pearce	Sue Walker	

Also present: Gordon Williams, Alan Spiller, Mike Pearce and Laurence Walker

**1. Apologies:**

**2. Minutes of November's meeting:**

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

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

None

**4. Communications and Correspondence**

Letter received from Bristol / Hanover Twinning Association expressing a wish for twinning associations to form closer links with Bristol, organising joint events sharing information about forthcoming events etc

Invitation received from Brimsham Green School to attend their key stage 4 and 5 celebration evening Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December MM already attending and DH and AH also to attend. MM will liaise with the school regarding who will be receiving the Twinning Trophy and the gift from the Twinning Association.

Yate Town Council have heard from Bad Salzdetfurth the Burgermeister and three others will flying into Birmingham Airport to come to Yate for the official visit Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March to Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>. SW felt this weekday visit would be useful to liaise with schools and businesses.

**5. Treasurer's report:**

Reports handed out. The coffee morning at the library had taken £83.50, (it was a successful morning but more tables and chairs needed for customers). The accounts are now back from Poole Court verified. PS been to the bank MM & RB to remain as signatures for cheques PS advised its better if treasurer not a signature. The proposed trip to Bad Salzdetfurth has 24 names PS has a projection of finances only 24 deposits will be a shortfall of £1,200. 26 deposits, shortfall of £700. PS feels the funds can stand this shortfall. MM asked if there were any questions and thanked PS for her work in making this clearer.

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

PS been invited to Christmas celebrations of 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the opening of Poole Court but unable to attend DH to attend on behalf of twinning, SW LW and MP are also attending.

PS will be sending out reminders for membership fees and once received will send out the annual cards.

Web site. There has been an increase in likes on Facebook and PP has put photos of Bristol Christmas visit and the coffee morning in Yate Library.

## **7. Programme of events:**

30<sup>th</sup> January Annual Dinner NG and wife Jen and SW and LW will now be away for the event.

20<sup>th</sup> Feb coffee morning in Yate Library Request for donations for tombola to be sent out. Also KW or RB to see Rachael in Library for more tables and chairs.

Official visit – 6<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> March once confirmation received Yate Twinning will meet with YTC to plan visit.

Visit to Germany 2016 NG brought £100. Deposit from a friend of his who wants to stay with hosts in BS. It was agreed by all that the trip should go ahead. MM to ring Applegate's to confirm trip going ahead and cheque to be delivered very soon.

## **8. Any other business**

17<sup>th</sup> December 6.00p.m. Carol Service at Yate Heritage Centre, Twinners to serve Gluhwein, IB to assist.

Race night Neil going to investigate Yate Town Football Club.

Cesson Twinning meeting Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December – MM will attend if possible, then MP offered to be Yate Twinning rep at the Cesson meetings.

PS had attended the Cesson Group Wine tasting and reported how good the evening and the buffet had been, PP said it had been a successful evening and had raised £190.00

MM will write to Bristol/Hanover Twinning Association saying we are interested in working together and will send them details of our trip, which may be of use to them as Bad Salzdetfurth and Hanover are reasonably close together.

**9. Next Committee meeting:** Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30p.m.

**The meeting closed at: 8.30 p.m.**