

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

**MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 19:30**

Present: Officers and Committee:

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

Also present: Gordon Williams, Alan Spiller

**1. Apologies:** Lesley Killock, Ian Blair, Sue and Laurence Walker and Mike Pearce

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

The minutes were accepted as an accurate record.

**3. Communications and Correspondence**

YTC have sent wi-fi details for committee to use during meetings. RAB will always have them with her at meetings.

Mike Pearce notified he has been appointed representative to liaise between Yate and Chipping Sodbury Twinning to keep both parties informed of events.

PP told that Lynne McAleavy from the Bristol Hanover Twinning had attended the South Glos Forum meeting expressing her desire for the twinning associations to work closer together to build on their strengths. Next year will be the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Bristol-Hanover Partnership and there will be events to mark this occasion. MM suggested that as Lynne has approached the Forum we work with them, also PP to make enquiries with contacts with the possibility of setting up a meeting when our Germans visit in March to encourage working together both here and in Germany.

**4. Treasurer's report: given out.**

Although authorised £600 grant still not received from YTC, PS asked Ian Blair to chase this up. Deposit of £3000.00 paid to Applegates for this year's trip. PS has letter drafted to send to travellers informing of balance due and has requested additional £10 for drinks on the coach and drivers, all committee were in favour of the decision to add the extra amount.

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

PS thanked those who have paid membership for 2016, several people pay by standing order including Cleo Trotter, MR reported Cleo in hospital and unlikely to return home. PS to refund Cleo's membership payment.

## **6. Programme of events:**

Annual Dinner 30<sup>th</sup> January probably 29 people attending including some new members – money to be collected on the night.

20<sup>th</sup> February Coffee Morning in the library RaB enquired in the library and there are more tables available to be used. KW running tombola and suggested even numbers on raffle tickets were used to give away more prizes. NG and RmB okay to stand outside library inviting people in, PS to produce flyers to give out.

Official visit 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> March visitors are  
Waltraud Ottleben - staying with Gill Latham  
Henning Hesse  
Reinhard Nipp  
Thomas Stelzer - staying with Pam and Mike Pearce

YTC want a meeting on the Monday evening and discussion took place of the possible arrangements that could be made for the day. MM to talk to Brimsham Green School for some involvement there.

23<sup>rd</sup> April St. George Day AH would like more bottle bags for Tombola stall.

30<sup>th</sup> April Race Night to be held at The Horseshoe Pub Chipping Sodbury Sam employee at the pub will run the night NG to enquire to costing and then event will be advertised.

Visit to Germany 2016 31<sup>st</sup> May – 8<sup>th</sup> June Waltraud has booked the Relaxa hotel for the five people wishing to stay there the cost being 69 Euros per room inclusive of breakfast, there will also be a charge for tax of 2 Euros per person per night, all payments to be made to the hotel at the end of the stay 7<sup>th</sup> June.

**7. Next Committee meeting:** Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30p.m. Apologies from Wully Perks

## **8. Any other Business:**

PP reported from the South Glos Forum Chipping Sodbury Group are planning a Taste of France Meal sometime during April date to be confirmed. Filton Twinning are holding a Barn Dance on 5<sup>th</sup> March.

RaB told Lesley Killock is having Frauka's 14 year old son over first two weeks in July and wonders if it would be possible for him to go to Brimsham Green School during this time MM to enquire. Lesley also would like contact made with other children of similar age.

DH suggested a template be made for posters that with a slight variation can be used for each event

**The meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.**