

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

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

Friday 20th Jan 2017 at 19:30

Present:

Officers and Committee:

Martin Monk	Ruth Boulton	Sue Walker
Rick Boulton	Alison Hardill	
Gill Latham	Lesley Killock	
David Hardill	Pam Pearce	
Kath Williams	Mike Pearce	

Also present: Gordon Williams, Laurence Walker

1. Apologies: Penny & Alan Spiller

2. Minutes of the December's meeting: Minutes approved as true record

3. Matters arising: to include Report /Review of events since last meeting - None

4. Communications and Correspondence - PP and MP attended the start of Bristol/Hannover 70th anniversary celebrations at M Shed on 20th Jan, found it very interesting especially to know of all that is happening between the two countries i.e. school exchanges of teachers as well as students. PP received email for invitation to Conference on Friday 12th May which finishes with dinner tickets are £35.00 per head and as interest is high each organisation is limited to two places each, initially. PS and AS have expressed an interest in attending PP and MP also want to go but will apply through South Glos Forum, the suggestion was made and agreed that Yate Twinning pay for each of the Yate Twinning representatives. SW also suggested that Yate Town Council should receive this invitation and be able to apply to send delegates, PP to send invitation to YTC.

YTC have discussed the proposed official visit to Bad Salzdetfurth which the Mayor Tony Davis would like to attend and Councillor Ben Cambell has also expressed an interest, official invitation from Bad Salzdetfurth not yet received.

It is also understood the school exchange with Brimsham Green School is going to Bad Salzdetfurth on Saturday 18th March although the school has not informed us of this.

5. Treasurer's report: RB gave report out in absence of PS. PS had apologised that money for wine at Carol Service at Yate Heritage Centre has not been included on report. A letter has been received from YTC the application made for a grant has been granted a cheque for £500 will be paid.

6. Membership matters, to include Web-site update: It would appear that a lot of interest to the web site has been shown by the Russians!

7. Programme of events:

Friday 27th Jan Annual Dinner Squire Pub - now 26 people attending. KW to hold a raffle but concerned if The Squire would be in agreement to this. RB to contact the Squire to ask their approval. It was agreed that KW should spend some Twinning money to buy bottle of Whisky for Raffle prize, several other offers of bottles of alcohol were also promised.

Saturday 11th Feb Kaffee und Kuchen Yate Library KW to bring coffee, tea etc. SW bringing hamper but asked for other donations, hamper to be made with a Valentine's Day theme. KW, SW, AH and RB to make cakes to sell. Agreed Coffee/Tea 50p a cup and Coffee and Cake £1.50 RB and LK to go into the shopping Centre to encourage people in.

Other events: DH not able to get a speaker from UWE as they don't have German courses there now, but he has written to U3A German group and to Bristol University.

LK said how she has always enjoyed the Treasure Hunt and suggested perhaps this would be an alternative if talk isn't possible.

8. Next Committee meeting: Friday 17th March 7.30p.m. – decision made not to hold meeting in February. RB to notify PS to cancel meeting in February.

Any other Business

Margaret Morz's mother has passed away RaB to send a condolence card.

The meeting finished at 8.20p.m.