

# Calne & District Twinning Association

## Minutes of Meeting

7.30pm Tuesday, 21 April 2009

**Present:** Malcolm Gull, Jenny Gull, Christine Cooper, Margaret Lambe, Pippa Jefferson, Mike Tuck, Jean Downham, Mary Gray, Hugh Pilcher-Clayton,

| Item |  | Action |
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| 1    | <b>Apologies</b><br>Terry Thornton, Barry Cooper, John Lambe   |        |
|      | Thanks to Christine for hosting the meeting.   |        |
|      | <p>Christine reported that Myra Ingram, one of the Association's long-standing members died today. Christine will send a letter of condolence to Richard.</p> <p>It was agreed that once the funeral arrangements were known, Malcolm would go on behalf of Twinning. Myra was a friend of Christine's so Christine will go in that capacity.</p>  |        |
| 6.1  | <b>Grant Application</b><br><p>This item was brought forward because Hugh needed to be at another meeting later on. Hugh is in the process of completing a grant application form for our 2010 visit, which he would like to submit by the end of April. We are trying to become involved and take part in the whole of the Calne Community.</p> <p>Malcolm explained to the Committee that the date for the 2010 visit has now been changed to 17-21 June (a week earlier than the original date). The Town Council is planning to organise a week of diverse activities culminating at Twinning weekend. On Friday evening there will be a concert, hopefully to be held at St Mary's – this is to be confirmed through a meeting to be arranged with St Mary's. Saturday will be a 'Calne Day' when there will be plenty of activities to enable us to show off Calne at its best. Sunday the Council is organising a Town Criers' Competition in the afternoon. The evening is planned for our own Twinning Activities. So the Twinning Association will be very much involved with the Town Council in funding and supporting some this weekend's activities.</p> |        |
| 2    | <b>Previous Minutes</b><br>Read and agreed.  |        |

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| 3 | <p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <p><b>4. Correspondence.</b></p> <p><b>Item (3).</b> Holly Cusumano’s request for assistance during her visit to Calne has been met by Norman Beale who has agreed to meet her at the Heritage Centre and take her around the town as she wishes. Malcolm will contact the Heritage Centre nearer the time so that they can have the Caln artefacts on display or readily to hand. Holly is interested in the Cloud family and Jean had a lot of information she had acquired from the late Jack Wiles on that family and she has e-mailed this to Holly.</p> <p><b>Item (6).</b> Notice from Jean Beecham with regard to the Pudding Afternoon at Bromham Social Club on Sunday 26 April. This is in aid of Bromham Parish Council Twinning Association. Christine to e-mail to all members.</p> <p><b>Item (7).</b> Christine to put notices into the Newsletter with regard to a 19 year-old woman wanting to find accommodation and employment during June, July and August. The person concerned wants to come to England to improve her English. Jean had received a similar request for a 15 year old.</p> <p><b>5. 5.1 Schools Information.</b></p> <p><b>5.2 Penpal Scheme.</b> Christine to contact Fynamore with regard to setting up their link with Caln, Pennsylvania.</p>  |  |
| 4 | <p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p>(1) Christine received an invitation to the Mayor Making on Monday 11 May. It was agreed that The Calne &amp; District Twinning Association be represented.</p> <p>(2) Christine received a letter from Johannes Dumourier thanking us for the card we had sent him when he finished with Charlieu Jumelage on 8 January.</p> <p>(3) A poster has been received from the Calne Area Transport Challenge, which has a Public Forum – Saturday 25 April 10.00am to 12.30pm at Marden House.</p> <p>(4) Christine had received a letter from the Town Hall with regard to Town Hall Charge Increases with effect from 1 April 2009.</p> <p>(5) An e-mail has been received from a student at Derry Hill School requesting financial support for her trip to Holland with the International Girlguides. After much discussion it was agreed not to support the student on this occasion. It was felt that her trip was not one in which we could confidently say was involved in the twinning ethos.</p> <p>It was felt that the Association needs to draw up a policy on how deal with these requests – should this be a written policy? It was felt that some cases would be more pertinent than others ie more directly related to the Twinning Association and its twin towns, and that the Association should have the power to judge each case on its merit, after discussion at Committee level.</p> |  |

## **Calendar of Events**

### **5.1 Table Top Sale – Saturday 11 April. - debrief**

We took £100 exactly, but then we had to pay for the hire of the Hall and the refreshments out of this. There was feedback from some of the table toppers who felt that it was not worthwhile and one person asked why we decided to hold it on Holy Saturday. To answer the second criticism first, the venue was only available at that time and day around the time of year we wanted to hold the Sale. It was unfortunate for the other table toppers that not much of their stuff was sold. It was agreed that we will give it one more try but this time to have just a Twinning Table or Carboot at one of the big Car Boot Sales, either at Seend, Dauntsey or Castle Combe. We will ask Twinners to donate articles to the table.

### **5.2 Charlieu Visit – 21-25 May 2009**

Christine reported that the plans were well in hand. A meeting has been arranged for Thursday evening, 23 April, for all those going to Charlieu. Travellers to hand in their cheques for the coach trips. Mike has worked out that the total cost per person for both coach trips will be £100 give or take a few pence – according to the exchange rate. It was agreed that we charge £100 on the night. This occasion is also an opportunity to meet each other before the trip and to get any ideas for the market stall. We have 26 travelling – 20 by coach and air and six making their own way. We have not received a full list of who is staying with whom, or a programme of the weekend. Charlieu are having a meeting on 22 April and hope to get back to us by 23<sup>rd</sup> in time for our meeting. Up to present with regard to the market stall we have ordered sauces from Tracklements, items from Calne Heritage and an appointment to visit Mumfords Vineyard will be made to obtain some wine.

Christine reported that she has received information that there will be no formal speeches and no exchange of official presents, but the Mayor should wear his Chain of Office. A speech has been written for Howard and sent to him to check out and return to Christine. The speech is needed for translation – hopefully by The John Bentley School Modern Foreign Languages Department.

### **5.3 Calne Visitors – 17-21 June 2010**

Malcolm reported that the date has been changed to allow for St Mary's School to accommodate us more easily. This date has also been agreed with the Council. A second visit is to be arranged with St Mary's School. Malcolm, Hugh and Christine to meet with the Bursar and new arrangements to be discussed. We will write to Charlieu, Eningen and Caln officially.

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|   | <p>Malcolm went through the outline programme and explained our part in the weekend and that of the Council and how we are working together to make the weekend the best ever.</p> <p>The programme at this point is still flexible but certain things are set. Saturday will be the Town's event and the Council is organising this day and we will be involved in some of the aspects. This Saturday(19<sup>th</sup>) will be the end of the Calne Summer Festival and will be spotlighted on Calne. Local people and organisations will be involved. There will be a parade. It will also be Calne in Bloom. The Council is forming a sub committee to concentrate on this particular event and Malcolm and Christine will be on that committee.</p> <p>Our programme thus far (and subject to change) is:</p> <p><b>Friday</b> Visit to Cheddar and the Evening Concert at St Mary's</p> <p><b>Saturday</b> will be spent in Calne</p> <p><b>Sunday</b> A day with hosts – There will be a Town Criers Competition in the afternoon which we can take our visitors to. There will be a Church service in the evening followed by a BBQ or supper and the Teddy Bear's Cup.</p> <p>Margaret reported that there will be 8 – 12 people hoping to come from Caln.</p> <p>It is hoped that the Council will have the three flags of our Twin Towns on display during that weekend.</p> <p><b>5.4 Social Events</b></p> <p>Discussion ensued about putting on some social events to which we can invite our members. This would act as fund-raising events and an opportunity for the Twinners to meet each other.</p> <p>Items suggested were:</p> <p>Skittles at Woodlands (in September on a Friday night)</p> <p>A Beetle Drive</p> <p>Garden Party – August?</p> <p>Barn Dance</p> <p>Venues were discussed for the Beetle Drive and Garden Party.</p> <p>Discussion took place on how do we know what numbers we are organising for, especially for something like a Barn Dance where we need to book people for the event. It was suggested that we need to send out a letter with a tear-off slip for people to state that they will be attending. Once tear-off slips are in we then send out tickets. This would give us a good idea of numbers and whether it was feasible to continue with the event.</p> |  |
| 6 | <p>Mike handed out a balance sheet (attached to Minutes for Twinning records only). The balance is £954.37. From this amount we need to deduct the cost of hiring the Town Hall for the Table Top Sale and what we owe for printing the Table Top Sale notices. This amount is separate to the £1,000 ring-fenced for the 2010 visit.</p> <p>6.1 This was dealt with at the beginning of the meeting</p> <p>6.2 <b>Renewal of Calne &amp; District Twinning Association Insurance.</b> Mike reported that this had already been done.</p>  |  |

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|    | <p><b>6.3 Twinning Clothing and Sales Update.</b> Margaret reported that stock is exactly as the same as the previous meeting (£91.54). We are now down to needing to sell 18 more garments to break even on the original outlay for the logo. It was agreed that we would take the stock to Charlieu to sell on our stall.</p> <p>Margaret reported that she had received an invoice for the caps. We need to take the euros, either in cash or by cheque, to Charlieu to pay for them. (€132 for 12 caps).</p> <p>Signs need to be made up for the clothing showing the cost in euros. Christine will do the signs and liaise with Mike over the exchange rate. This will be left to as near to the date of departure as possible.</p>   |  |
| 7. | <p><b>7.1 Membership Report Update.</b> Pippa reported that membership was up to 62 with a possible five or six more due to renew their membership.</p>  |  |
| 8. | <p><b>8.1 School's Involvement.</b> Christine reported that she had received a request from The John Bentley School to help support a year 8 trip to meet their penfriends from their partner school in Marquise (near Boulogne) on 12 June. The school is trying to reduce the cost of the trip to those children who would find it difficult to raise the money. She requested £200.</p> <p>A lot of discussion ensued with regard to whether we support this kind of thing, bearing in mind our previous item (under Correspondence (5)). It was agreed to support the JBS in this case as they are very involved in our Twinning Association and support us tremendously in very many ways. It was agreed to donate £100. This was made up from the £35 donated by those who attend the Friday morning Languages class and the money raised from the Table Top sale.</p> |  |
| 9  | <p><b>9.1 Any Other Round-the Table Business</b></p> <p>None</p>   |  |
|    | Meeting finished at 9.50 pm  |  |
| 10 | <p><b>Date and venue of next meeting:</b></p> <p>Tuesday, 7 July, 7.30 pm .</p>  |  |