

Calne & District Twinning Association

Minutes of Meeting

7.30pm Wednesday, 22 July 2009

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

Item		Action
1	Apologies Howard Marshall	
	Thanks to Margaret and John for hosting the meeting.	
2	Previous Minutes (21.4.09) These were agreed.	
3	Matters Arising All items had been dealt with. As this was not discussed the item – Policy for supporting youngsters in the community - to go to the next Agenda. (with a view to it being inserted in our Constitution?).	
4	Correspondence Christine read out correspondence from: <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Email with regard to some Japanese papers she is holding. A request on one of the papers stated that they hoped we would consider twinning with their village. No firm decision made. Discuss at next meeting.➤ The John Bentley School sent us an article that the French group had written on their visit to Marquise. The Association had donated £100 (£35 of this was donated by those members who attended the Language lessons) towards this visit.➤ Trowbridge French Twinning Association sent a notice that they are running a new intermediate-level French course for its members and could accommodate others who would like to take a course at this level➤ Christine had received an invitation to an Archery Social Evening and BBQ to be held at the Beversbrook Sports Facility on Friday 21 August.	
5	Calendar of Events 5.1 <i>Charlieu Visit Debrief Report.</i> Christine went through the highlights of the visit. It was appreciated that Charlieu had put a lot of planning into the visit. It was an enjoyable visit for all those who went. Christine had handed a questionnaire out and they were returned and compiled into one sheet.	

	<p>At the Charlieu debrief evening held at Christine’s house, the answers to the questionnaire were discussed, and although there were a variety of replies, the overall consensus was that this had been a successful visit. One thing to come out of the visit was that we should provide the words for each country’s national anthem at the Official Reception so that people could sing more heartily when their own anthem is being played!</p>	
3	<p>5.2 Calne Visitors – June 2010.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Much discussion took place over this visit. The cost, as ever, was the key issue. b. Malcolm reported back on the 2010 sub-committee meeting and what had been discussed. He is very conscious of the cost of the visit and the 2010 Committee agreed to cap the amount we spend to £3,000. This will, of course, be dependent on the number of visitors who come. He also provided us with thoughts on a number of possible venues for the day out on the Friday of the visit. In addition, Malcolm produced a spreadsheet detailing the cost breakdown for each venue. This showed the costs, for between 50 and 80 visitors, broken down as ‘cost of entry’, ‘cost of lunches’ and ‘cost of coaches’. Initially, The Hawk Conservancy Centre was thought to be good, but as always the question of what happens in the bad weather? Looking at the Charlieu programme, it can be seen that they had overcome part of this costing (i.e. entry cost) by going to a Vichy. Malcolm then suggested Gloucester Quays. This venue would provide ample and varying interests for everyone. More importantly, like Vichy, there is no entry fee so saving between £375 - £1040. It was agreed to do a ‘recce’ of Gloucester Quays and report back to the Committee on the decision taken by the 2010 sub committee for the day visit. c. The evening Reception was discussed. It was agreed to hold the evening at St Mary’s School. St Mary’s would provide the catering at cost. The Chapel would be used for a Summer Festival Concert. Hugh is in the process of organising the programme. It was suggested that the Reception started at 6.00pm and the Concert to commence from 8.00pm. It was reported to the Committee that the event will be advertised to the wider Calne Community to enable as many non-twinners as possible to attend and a small charge (tbc) will be levied for admission to both members and non-members. d. Saturday will be part of Calne’s Summer Festival arrangements. All members, hosts and visitors will be encouraged to spend the day in Calne and support the Summer Festival. The Teddy Bear’s Cup competition will be held at some point during the afternoon. At 5.00pm, it is expected that the Carnival Procession will take place. Malcolm suggested that we invite our twin towns to join the procession with their national/town flags. The rest of the evening will be with hosts. e. Sunday will be a free day with hosts. Again hosts and visitors will be encouraged to support the Town Crier’s competition to be held on the Beach, outside the ‘The Olive Tree’. There will be an Evensong service at St Mary’s. We have kept Sunday flexible as it is anticipated that the French and/or the Germans may well return home on Sunday. 	

6	<p>AGM</p> <p>Discussion took place around the length of time officers should be in post. The Constitution states that <i>'The Officers and Committee shall be elected for a three year period and shall retire by rotation according to the schedule below: Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer plus at least 3 members. No Officer shall serve more than two terms consecutively in the same office.'</i></p> <p>As Malcolm and Christine are both due to 'retire' from their posts in 2011, Malcolm suggested that, according to the Constitution, he must retire in 2010 to be accordance with the 'rotation' statement. In addition, this would give Christine a year with the new Chairman, in order to give some continuity for the Association. Discussion then revolved around the 'what if' scenario of no-one else coming forward for either post. It was agreed that something needs to be added to the Constitution to cover such an eventuality. It was stressed that these two posts could not go on ad infinitum and a cut-off period should be designated.</p> <p>The date of the AGM was agreed as 25 November 2009 at Marden House.</p>	
7	<p>Financial Report</p> <p>Mike reported that, on the whole, our finances are sound. We made a profit at the French Market of £61. We had also received a donation of £20. The monies granted from the Town Council are held in a separate account and enjoying gathering interest of 10p per month, due the current economic climate! Mike emphasised that we must continue to raise funds for the Association as we will still need funds post-2010. It was agreed to look at some fund raising activities.</p> <p>7.1 Car Boot. In a bid to raise some extra funds it was agreed to attend a Car Boot Sale at Dauntsey Bank and have a table. The date agreed is Sunday, 20 September.</p> <p>7.2 Fundraising Events.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ It was agreed to hold a walk and cream tea event. Skittles Evening. <p>7.3 Twining Clothing and Sales Update .Margaret reported that we now have one sweatshirt, one polo shirt and one fleece remaining from the original order. Mike and Christine suggested that perhaps the fleece and sweatshirt could go into a raffle. We are eight garments short of breaking even on the original outlay for the artwork for the badge. We also have seven caps. Mike suggested that we charge £11 for the caps.</p>	
8	<p>Membership Report Update</p> <p>Pippa reported that we have one new member. Our membership now stands at 61.</p>	

9	<p>Schools Information</p> <p>Christine reported that</p> <p>Holy Trinity has a link with the Achalmschule GHS mi Werkealschule, Klasse 6a, in Eningen.</p> <p>Priestley School has a link with Caln Elementary School.</p> <p>St Edmund's School is considering a link with the Achalmschule GHS mi Werkealschule, Klasse 3d, in Eningen.</p> <p>Fynamore School is still hoping to have a link with a different group of pupils in Caln Elementary School.</p> <p>Derry Hill School is still struggling to make contact with a school in Charlieu. Christine has asked Marie-Jo to look into it on behalf of Derry Hill.</p>	
10	<p>Round the Table AOB</p> <p>Christine reported on her visit to the Wessex Forum meeting in Westbury. She had come away with one or two fund-raising ideas. The next Forum meeting will be in Calne. A date to be arranged in October/November.</p>	
11	<p>Date and Venue of Next Meeting</p> <p>7.30 pm on Wednesday, 23 September 2009.</p>	