

Calne & District Twinning Association

Minutes of Meeting

7.30pm Wednesday, 21 October 2009

Present: Malcolm Gull, Jenny Gull, Christine Cooper, Barry Cooper, Margaret Lambe, John Lambe, Mike Tuck, Jean Downham, Mary Gray, Terry Thornton,

Item		Action
1	<p>Apologies Hugh Pilcher-Clayton</p>	
	<p>Thanks to Margaret and John for hosting the meeting.</p>	
2	<p>Previous Minutes (16.9.9) The following amendments were noted: Under 'Correspondence', bullet point 6 'owing' should read 'owed' and under 'Calendar of Events' 5.1 'Terry' should read 'Jenny'. The Minutes were then agreed</p>	
3	<p>Matters Arising</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Policy for supporting youngsters in the community - with a view to it being inserted in our Constitution at some point. 2. It was agreed that we are unable to support the proposal regarding a Japanese town twinning with us. 3. Christine asked all members of committee if they were happy for their telephone numbers to go into the Newsletter. All have now agreed, with the exception of one member whose telephone number is ex-directory. 	
4	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>Christine read out correspondence:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Copies of the 'Eniger' received from Eningen via the Town Council. b) Notification of increase in charges for the Town Hall. c) Copy of the Calne Town Council Civic List. d) Confirmation of Marden House Bookings e) From the CIB – An A-Z of Fundraising Ideas f) Notification of a Chippenham Twinners Horse Race Night g) Invitation to attend The Heritage Centre for an exhibition on WW1 Soldiers from Calne. h) Application to join 'Develop'. Discussion took place on the benefits to our Association should we decide to take up a place on a course that was being offered. After much discussion it was decided not to take advantage of this particular course. i) Application to join CCAP. Malcolm explained what the CCAP was and how community groups can benefit from each other by belonging to it. It was agreed that Malcolm join on behalf of the Twinning Association. j) Malcolm had received copies (on request) of other Twinning Associations' Constitutions in order to help with the wording of our own. 	

	<p>k) Christine had received an e-mail from Mick Devonport requesting back copies of our Minutes. He said he'd been on to our website and had not been able to view our Minutes. This request was discussed and it was agreed that in future we would put our Minutes on the website in a website user-friendly format. Christine would produce these Minutes for Mike to put them on to the website.</p>	
<p>5</p>	<p>Calendar of Events</p> <p>5.1 June 2010 Visit (17-21 June 2010) Malcolm reported that there has been a lot of activity in relation to the planning of the visit. He had attended several meetings at Bank House in order to plan for 2010. What started as initial discussions with the Town and Deputy Town Clerks has now grown into an inclusive meeting with other Community groups from within the town. Malcolm explained that he had sent an article to the Wiltshire Gazette & Herald, which had been published. There is an area of concern over the implication that the funding for all the events in Calne (£15,000) is coming to Twinning, which of course it is not. Malcolm and Christine are meeting with BBC Radio Wiltshire on Thursday, 22.10.09 to promote all the good things about Twinning. Details of activities to date to date were reported to the committee.</p> <p>5.2 Skittles. The Skittles evening was postponed. It is hoped to hold one in the Spring, but we need to give more notice.</p> <p>5.3 Car Boot Sale. Malcolm reported that we had made £45.55. Six members of the Committee all turned up at 7.00am on a beautiful Sunday morning and stayed until 12.30ish. Although we enjoyed the morning, it was for little financial return.</p> <p>5.4 Future Events. To the next meeting.</p>	
<p>6</p>	<p>AGM</p> <p>6.1 Confirm Arrangements. Christine confirmed that the booking for Marden House has been done.</p> <p>6.2 Change to Constitution. No changes.</p> <p>6.3 Election of Vice Chairman. Malcolm thought that we have should a Vice Chairman in place from this AGM with a view to taking over as Chairman at the AGM in 2010 (which is when Malcolm will stand down). His term of office ends in 2011, as does Christine's. In the interest of continuity he has agreed to step down one year early. He would like to hand over to someone who has some knowledge of the Twinning Association. We do need a nomination from either the Committee or from the floor at the AGM.</p> <p>6.4 Confirmation of Committee Positions. Malcolm asked if the Committee were prepared to stand again. Hugh had indicated that he will stand down at the AGM, but will remain a member of Twinning. The Committee agreed that they will stay on for another year.</p>	

	<p>6.5 Nomination of Member as Vice President. Jean asked if the Committee would consider nominating a past Chairman as Vice President as he had worked tremendously hard for Twinning over the years and had supported the Association through good times as well as not so good. After some discussion, mainly revolving around how many Vice Presidents should an organisation have, it was agreed in principle to nominate the past member.</p> <p>6.6 President's Speech. It was agreed to ask the Mayor if he is available for the AGM and if he could give a short speech. If the Mayor is unavailable one of the Vice Presidents will be invited to do so.</p>	
7	<p>Financial Report Update</p> <p>7.1 Financial Status Report. Mike reported that our accounts were in a healthy state. Before this meeting the accounts stood as</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Cash £18.70 Current £703.74</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(This amount will change as Mike was handed bills at this meeting.)</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Savings – Council £2003.06 (ring-fenced for 2010 visit) Savings – Twinning £1004.30</p>	
	<p>Twinning Clothing Sale Update. Margaret reported no change. She will take what she has left to the AGM. The clothing will go in as raffle prizes as the sweatshirt has the dark blue printing on the blue background, which is not very clear. She will also take the caps. She will be prepared to take orders for any items on the night.</p>	
8	<p>Membership Report Update</p> <p>Pippa reported that our membership now stands at 67.</p>	
9	<p>Schools Information</p> <p>Christine had nothing to report at this meeting.</p>	
10	<p>Round the Table AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Christine reported that the Wessex Forum Meeting had taken place at the John Bentley School. She read from the previous Minutes of the Forum on the activities of other members. ➤ Malcolm thanked the members of the Committee for doing an excellent job throughout this year and for the continued support shown for the Association. <p>No further business.</p>	
11	<p>Date and Venue of Next Meeting</p> <p>This to be agreed after the AGM.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 9.35pm</p>	