

Calne & District Twinning Association

Minutes of Meeting 7.30pm Tuesday, 19 January 2010

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

Item		Action
1	<p>Apologies</p> <p>Ken Jacomb, Howard Marshall and Bridie Nelson</p>	
	<p>Thanks to Christine for hosting the meeting. Happy New Year to everyone.</p>	
	<p>AGM.</p> <p>This was not on the Agenda but it was felt that we should have a recap on the evening. 32 members attended. Mike was going to do a revision of the Constitution with regard to financial matter. Dina had agreed to help him. Hugh stood down. Bridie Nelson is now on board and although she cannot be here tonight has already done some extremely good work on PR with the WG&H. We also have a new Vice President, Ken Jacomb. The Bangers and Mash food went down exceptionally well.</p>	
2	<p>Previous Minutes (21.10.09)</p> <p>The Minutes were agreed.</p>	
3	<p>3. Matters Arising</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Policy for financially supporting youngsters in the community – with a view to it being inserted into our Constitution at some point. It was agreed that we could not support youngsters but could possibly point them in the direction of grants available. 2. Heritage Centre notified that we will not be able to support a twinning connection with a Japanese town. 3. Members had agreed to the proposal that their telephone numbers be published in a Newsletter. One member did not wish their telephone number to be published. <p>4. Correspondence.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (g) 2 members of the committee had attended the exhibition at the Heritage Centre on WW1 Soldiers from Calne on our behalf. They reported that it was an excellent exhibition and had enjoyed it very much. (h) Events had overtaken membership of the CCAP, as Malcolm and become it's Chairman and Christine it's Secretary. (k) Minutes sent to Mick Devonport and also Minutes to Mike for our website. 	

4	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>a) Copies of the <i>Eninger</i> received from Eningen via the Calne Town Council. Will now be sent to The John Bentley School for the Languages Department.</p> <p>b) Correspondence received from Tim Parker, Beversbrook Sports Facility, inviting Twinning to join in discussing ideas for the Twinning Association and its partners to be involved in a sculpture to be made for Calne's participation in Britain in Bloom. Secretary attended two meetings to discuss this and it is feasible that our twin towns can be involved, but more precise information on how we can achieve this has been requested.</p> <p>c) An e-mail had been received from the Chair, Chamber of Commerce with regard to each (Twin) town providing details of its manufacturers/traders that can export/import their goods/services and that the Chambers of Commerce or equivalent operates as a distribution point for this information to the home traders. The Chair suggests a proactive notice board service is probably the easiest description. He also suggested that with the support of the 'UK Trade and Investment' department, we could organize, in conjunction with the twinning partners, a routine of trade missions to their areas and vice-versa. There could also be training opportunities for people for the twinned areas to visit for training (using the hospitality trade as an obvious example, food styles of the different areas, etc). We might be able to get financial support from "Train to Gain". Another idea was to use the Hub as a retail point for the cottage industries from France and Germany – we need to ascertain that our counterparts have something similar that they can use as a shop window for our cottage industry manufacturers.</p> <p>The Chair of the Chamber of Commerce had also previously spoken about football teams from Eningen and Charlieu doing a 'world cup' type event. Secretary had contacted both Charlieu and Eningen and had put them in touch with him. The hope was that the football matches would happen to coincide with the 2010 visit.</p>	
5	<p>Reports</p> <p>Secretary had attended a meeting in early January with regard to Calne/Britain in Bloom. As the bad weather had prevented people attending the meeting (there were 6 attendees) the meeting was kept short. She had requested more details of what is expected of the our twin towns to contribute to the Calne in Bloom.</p>	
6	<p>Calendar of Events</p> <p>6.1 Mardi Gras. 16 February 2010.</p> <p>It was agreed to do a quiz on the evening. Teams of 4 and a prize of a bottle of wine for each member of the winning team, plus a certificate each, and certificates for the 2nd and 3rd teams. We will provide a Fish and Chips supper. Orders to be taken at the door and someone(?) would take the orders to the Fish and Chip Bar (Dolphins in the Precinct). £5 cost for food to include pancakes and fish and chips.</p> <p>It was also agreed to hold a raffle and a request has gone out in the Newsletter for raffle prize donations.</p>	

	<p>6.2 2010 Visit. 17-21 June 2010</p> <p>The numbers attending are: 16 visitors from Eningen, 8 from Caln and unknown from Charlieu. The Chair reported that plans are well under way. A letter and questionnaire is being sent out with the Newsletter requesting accommodation offers from members. It is hoped to receive replies by 16 February (at the Mardi Gras) or 19th Feb from those who will not be attending the Mardi Gras. Margaret and John are still in contact with Caln and slowly getting the information together. Caln visitors wish to arrive on 13 June and depart on 23rd.</p> <p>Friday and Saturday of the programme has been altered.</p> <p>Friday we will take our visitors to Gloucester Quays (the coach has been booked for this day)</p> <p>9.00am depart Calne 10.30-12.30 spent sight-seeing Gloucester Quays 12.30-2.00pm – lunch 2.00-4.00pm Gloucester Cathedral 4.00pm depart Gloucester Quays.</p> <p>The evening will be spent with hosts.</p> <p>Saturday will be a Calne day. All the activities are now to be centred in Calne and not at the Beversbrook venue. It is hoped to hold our formal social evening at Beversbrook. Awaiting confirmation and people capacity. This will be a Twinning event only. The musical part of the evening will be interspersed with the meal courses.</p> <p>Sunday will see the Civic participation with the Town Criers Competition. Lord Lansdowne has agreed to present the prize to the winning Town Crier. The Cup will be the Lansdowne Cup. The Criers and their partners will arrive at around 12.00 and lunch will be provided in the Town Hall. The Competition will start at 2.00pm with a procession in the Town and the Councillors will be robed up for the occasion. 2.30pm the competition proper starts.</p> <p>6.00pm Liaison with Rev Bob Kenway for an evensong service.</p> <p>Monday, Eningen will return via Winchester, as their flight is not until the evening and they thought they'd take advantage of the time and make the visit. Coach costings have been done and sent to Eningen. We now await their decisions.</p>	
	<p>6.3 Skittles. It was agreed to hold a skittles evening in March.</p> <p>Wine Tasting (with Cheese). It was agreed to hold the evening in April/May.</p>	
<p>7</p>	<p>Financial Update</p> <p>7.1 Financial Status Report. Mike reported a healthy bank balance, but bearing in mind the outlay we will need to be making for the June visit the balance will take a sharp downturn in June. A copy of the financial statement will be attached to these Minutes, held by the Secretary.</p>	

	<p>The Chair remarked that the cost of the tripartite visits has proved very expensive. He would like to hold a meeting with the twinning counterparts in Eningen and Charlieu to discuss the way forward in the future. It has been accepted that the two previous years and this year have marked special landmarks in the Twinning history and therefore special efforts have been made. However, to financially support such visits is not sustainable. Ways need to be found to reduce the costs dramatically.</p> <p>7.2 Council Grant Application. Being followed up</p> <p>7.3 Twinning Clothing Sale Update. Margaret reported no change.</p>	
8	<p>Membership Report Update</p> <p>Membership Secretary reported that our membership now stands at 67. Discussion took place about the mixed dates for renewing membership fees. Should we revert back to all members paying at the Mardi Gras? It would seem that other organisations have a set month to renew membership. It was agreed that if the Membership Secretary was happy to operate our current situation, it would continue.</p>	
9	<p>Schools Information</p> <p>The Secretary has a Community meeting with the John Bentley School 27 January. It was thought it might be an idea to involve our visitors from Eningen and Charlieu in a more direct approach to form links with the school children. Possibly at the June visit when there will be school children performing. It might be a good idea to raise the question again there. To be considered.</p> <p>The John Bentley School had agreed to resume the Breakfast classes nearer to the time of the visit. The Secretary will confirm this.</p>	
10	<p>Round the Table AOB</p> <p>The Chair spoke of the need of a Vice Chair as he will be standing down at this year's AGM. It is important that someone is in place, ideally before he leaves, so that there is some continuity. He asked members of the committee to think about the situation. If anyone had any ideas of who could perform the role to contact either himself or Christine. Margaret thought we could perhaps use the Newsletter as a means of advertising the post.</p> <p>We were reminded that 5 members of the committee turned up for the Lantern Procession at the Calne Lights Switch-on. Although it was a very cold and wet night we were very upbeat and we proudly marched with our Lantern and banner!</p>	
11	<p>Dates and Venue of next Meetings</p> <p>4 March – 1.00pm</p> <p>31 March – 2.00pm</p>	