

## CORSHAM TWINNING ASSOCIATION

### Minutes of Meeting on 6/09/2010

**1. Present:** Jo Reeves (acting Chairman), Lindon Collins, Clare Vallorge, Maurice Hancock, Chris Riley, Bronwyn Riley, Millie Carter, Sally Fletcher, Roger Fido, Keith Stephens, Maggie Taylor

**2. Apologies:** Neil Carrigan, Charles Boyle, Christine Bastow

**3. Minutes of 5th July 2010 meeting** – agreed.

**4. Matter arising:** as per Agenda.

#### **5. Activities for 2010:**

**a. Market Morning 10 July:** a successful day. Total income from stalls was £400 less £21 licence fee; CTA stall sold goods worth £173.10 at cost of £187.10, with some wine left over; funds from Town Council BBQ would come to CTA so we will be in profit overall. Main benefit was PR value. Some criticism that market wasn't "French enough" – **JR to write to County Council to ask when French traders will be coming in 2011** so we can plan next year's market morning to coincide with their visit.

**b. Boules competition 17 July:** Congratulations to winning team led by MH. **CB has the trophy and will arrange engraving.**

#### **c. Planning for French Visit:**

- RF provided details of visit: 58 adults and 19 children to come on one coach. Parking for coach arranged with garage in Gastard.
- Majority of visitors had been "paired up" with Corsham hosts – **RF to resolve the remainder.**
- Pre-visit meeting of hosts to be held on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm in the Town Hall (to include glass of wine). **JR to send out letter confirming hosting arrangements and details of the pre-visit meeting.**
- Dinner on Sat evening: CB has booked the piper, the caterer and the band. €5000 will be provided from EU which may cover expenses including cost of Corsham hosts' meals. RF needs to know cost per head – **JR to e-mail CB to ask him.**
- CB is organising a gift
- Labour party candidate will attend the meeting on the Saturday
- **JR to speak to Nigel Millward about Church service on the Sunday**
- Junior Town Council : Members are elected in September of each year and 1<sup>st</sup> meeting will be held 25 Sept. CTA had been invited and **JR will attend. RF to write to parents about twinning and the meeting of the Joint Junior Town Council Meeting on 30/10/10.**

- Halloween celebration: CV, LC and BR offered to organise lantern competition. 10 children required to participate. RF had sourced pumpkins and organised judging.
- CR offered to run skittles evening
- Visit to Welsh National Assembly: 56 adults would be able to visit the Assembly. RF, NC and JR to go on a recce visit to see what other activities are available. RF to ask Carole who will want to go. Programme: leave Corsham 0900, need to be at assembly by 1230. Leave Cardiff 1600 returning to Corsham about 1800. **JR to write to National Assembly to see if any Assembly members will be available to talk to our party.** We will visit as one large group with a guide. SF and MT to attend to help with translation. Hosts to provide packed lunch.

d. **Film night 25<sup>th</sup> Sept:** To be postponed until next year as Fire Station refurbishment not yet complete. **JR to inform members and LC to update website.**

e. **Christmas meal 4<sup>th</sup> December: BR to investigate suitable venues for discussion at next meeting.**

6. **Treasurer's Report** – New balance is £4793.46.

#### **AOB**

- SF drew attention to Corsham Community Network open evening at Hartham Park 16<sup>th</sup> Sept 7-9pm. Discussion will cover Springfield Community Hub and may provide opportunities for Twinning's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
- MH reported the sad death of former Twinning member Mr Beaver and had sent a card to his widow Audrey on behalf of the CTA.
- Corsham Wind Band 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary: **JR to follow up with Carole.**
- **Action outstanding with CB to pursue tracking of previous gifts and preparations for the Twinning's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.**
- Events Programme for 2011: draft programme required before the AGM in Nov – ideas to be considered at the next meeting.

**Next Meeting** – 4 October 2010