

CORSHAM TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting held on 07/03/2011

1. Present: Carole Brain (CBr), Ian Brain (IB), Jo Reeves (JR), Maurice Hancock (MH), Roger Fido (RF), Millie Carter (MC), Christine Bastow (CBw), Sally Fletcher (SF), Charles Boyle (CBo), Keith Stephens (KS), Chris Riley (CR), Chris Taylor (CT), Maggie Taylor (MT)

2. Apologies: Lindon Collins

3. Minutes of 10 January 2011 meeting – Agreed, subject to correction at AOB, para 7, 4th bullet: delete “CBw”, insert “CR”.

4. Matters arising

a. CBr had contacted Lucy Moore from the Arts Centre but no response as yet.

b. Twinning gifts: CBo produced list of some gifts held at the Town Hall. **Action: CBo to send electronic copy of list to JR to distribute to members, asking them if they know of any other gifts, with photographs if possible.** Town Clerk had agreed that gifts could be exhibited at the Town Hall at the time of the CTA's 30th anniversary in October. They also discussed marking the anniversary with a plaque in front of the Town Hall, to be opened at the same time as the exhibition. **Action: CBo to establish price of plaque and related items eg key fobs, and to form sub-committee to discuss matters concerning the anniversary. CT, SF and MC expressed an interest in the sub-committee. RF approved purchase of items if less than £1000.**

c. Future of the Community Centre: SF gave an update following the Corsham Area Board on 15th Feb. Recommendation for community campus had been agreed. **Action: SF to send details to JR for circulation.**

d. MC said Rough Street Band was now unable to come to Jargeau in October.

5. Activities for 2011:

a. Wine appreciation evening: 26th March in the Community Centre, (Jubilee Hall), 7.30 for 8pm. Entrance fee of £8 per head agreed. A raffle would be held. **Actions: JR to buy cheese and biscuits; check whether Jackie from the Oxford wine company would provide glasses; and to e-mail members with details. CBr to provide plates and cutlery.**

b. JR had not contacted Chair of Wiltshire Twinning Association but they would be invited to CTA 30th anniversary celebrations.

c. BBQ: 14th May 6pm at MC's house. Advance tickets to be on sale at wine appreciation evening. A raffle would be held. Drinks for sale at £1. **Actions: CR to organise barbecue from Council and CBr and IB to supply additional barbecue. KS to provide plates. JR to apply for alcohol licence to cover BBQ and French market morning.**

d. Boules competition: 9th July at Queen's Head in Box. This was the same day as French market traders were due to come to Corsham, they could be invited to play. Cost, £5 per team of three.

Action: JR to ask LC to produce a new poster, in time for BBQ if possible. CBo is point of contact. CBr to pursue publicity eg in Box Matters.

e. Joint Activities with Jargeau Committee: CBr to send our programme to Carole to see if there was any interest. Ongoing

f. French Market Morning 2011: 25th June. IB had approached MOD Corsham but they did not wish to be involved. Other events connected with Civic Day would be taking place. JR produced a list of previous stall holders. Charges: £10 for charity and £15 for commercial traders. **Sub-committee to be formed by CBr, IB, CBw, MH, CBo and JR to take forward ideas for the event.**

g. Visit to Jargeau 2011:

(1) RF had proposed a trip to Sancerre and this was being considered by the Jargeau committee.

(2) RF had booked hotel for outward trip (30 twin and 30 single rooms) and coach (52 seater but may need to increase to a 70 seater). **RF to write to all who had expressed an interest in the trip requesting them to make a deposit in April. Carole (in Jargeau) to be informed of numbers as soon as this is known.**

(3) Actions concerning joint production with Jargeau drama group, involvement of Corsham Caledonians and Corsham Town Band: **ongoing. MC to speak to Chair of Choral Society.**

(4) Carole had written to CBr with the formal invitation to go to Jargeau in October. She also requested whether a family could accommodate a French brother and sister during the Summer. **Action: JR to send details to members.**

(5) JR and MH had spoken to Mazy Bartlett at the school re children's art work. This could be displayed in empty shops in Corsham as part of anniversary celebrations as well as in Jargeau.

(6) Publicity: IB to lead liaison with local media re anniversary celebrations. **JR to e-mail IB contact details.**

(7) Junior Council had met to discuss the trip. **RF to seek views of parents.**

6. Treasurer's Report:

New balance is £1654.85 (with EU money still to come and £125 to be paid in).

7. AOB:

- **CR to follow-up possibility of CTA flower display on Sainsbury's roundabout for Corsham in Bloom .**
- **All committee members to e-mail photos of themselves to LC to put on CTA website and/or be ready to have photos taken at next meeting**
- **KS and MH recorded their sadness on behalf of the CTA at the loss of Micky Walsh who had supported CTA activities over the years.**

8. Next Meeting – 4th April 2011