

CORSHAM TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting held on 04/04/2011

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

2. Apologies: None received.

3. Minutes of 7th March 2011 meeting – Agreed.

4. Matters arising:

a. CBr had spoken with Lucy Moore from the Arts Centre. They want a stall on Market day and CTA will feature in publicity for the Arts Festival.

b. **Twinning gifts and 30th anniversary commemoration:** **Action: CBo to send updated details of gifts received to JR.** Sub-committee had met and pursued ideas. CB had discussed plaque to mark CTA 30th anniversary with Town Clerk and proposal was for plaque to be placed in High St, subject to agreement of the Highways Agency. The meeting gave CBo authority to put a formal proposal to the Town Council proposing that we apply for a grant from the Area Board. Total cost expected to be about £1200 and a grant would be matched by CTA and Town Council. If the Town Council approved this request, CBo would submit the request for a grant to the Area Board. This needed to be done by June to allow time for the plaque and related items to be made. **Action: CBo to get quote for 200 key fobs, 50/50 £/€ which UK members could buy for their hosts. Sub-committee to progress locating of plaque and the opening ceremony on 29th October, with an exhibition of gifts in the Town Hall.**

c. **Future of the Community Centre:** CR confirmed that the community campus will go ahead and is to be up and running by Summer 2012. Further meetings to be held 7th and 12th April. CTA interest was in meeting rooms, kitchen facilities, skittle alley and dance floor. **Action: Reps to report back to the next meeting.**

5. Activities for 2011:

a. **Wine appreciation evening:** Very successful with a net profit of £204.06. **Action: CBr to write letter of thanks to Jackie from the Oxford wine company.**

b. CBr to e-mail Chair of Wiltshire Twinning Association.

c. **BBQ:** 14th May 6pm at MC's house. Advance tickets already on sale. **Actions: CR to organise barbecue from Council. CBr and IB to supply additional barbecue plus wine, plates and cutlery and garden furniture, and to check price of food. CBr to organise raffle and provide French music. IB volunteered to run bar. JR to bring bunting, MH and CBo would help put it up. All to provide desserts. MT and CT to help prepare food. RF to take tickets on the gate. JR to apply for alcohol licence to cover BBQ and French market morning.**

d. **Boules competition:** 9th July at Queen's Head in Box.

Actions: JR to mail details of French market traders to CBo who would act as point of contact if they wish to enter competition. JR to ask LC to produce a new poster, in time for BBQ if possible. CBr to pursue publicity eg Box Matters.

e. Joint Activities with Jargeau Committee: Ongoing

f. French Market Morning 2011: 25th June. New banner required at cost of £57. **Action: MH to give IB the old banner so that IB can arrange a new one.** JR, CBr and IB had met Peter Tapscott who runs Civic Day and had agreed publicity for CTA. 21 requests received for stalls so far. **Action: Sub-committee to meet 7th April.**

g. Visit to Jargeau 2011:

(1) RF had sent out letter about visit, 22 people booked so far on the coach. More replies awaited. **Action: Carole (in Jargeau) to be informed of numbers as soon as this is known.**

(2) **Action: CBo to raise possible involvement of Corsham Caledonians at their next meeting on 18th April.**

(3) JR had sent out letter about accommodating a French brother and sister during the Summer.

(4) Children's art work – nothing more would happen until next term.

(5) Publicity: ongoing. **Action: JR to mail posters to IB.**

(6) Junior Council involvement: ongoing.

6. Treasurer's Report:

Money had been received from EU and covered cost of our visit. New balance is £6478.39. £640 had been received for deposits for Jargeau trip.

7. AOB:

- MH's son had built a frame for a dress which had been a gift from Jargeau. **Action: CR to ask Town Council if it can be kept in the new community campus. MH to give RF an invoice for moneys spent**
- **CR to follow-up possibility of CTA flower display at A4 crossroads**
- **Photos of committee members: ongoing**
- **Visit to Jargeau sub-committee to be set up nearer the time**

8. Next Meeting – 9th May 2011. CBr to chair, CBo on stand-by.