

CORSHAM TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting held on 04/07/2011

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

2. Apologies: None.

3. Minutes of 20th June 2011 meeting – Agreed.

4. Matters arising:

a. Twinning gifts and 30th anniversary commemoration: CBo updated the meeting. He had hastened the artwork for the plaques but could not approach the Area Board for a grant until after planning approval had been agreed. A contingency plan was needed by September for an alternative gift in case the plaque was not possible. No funds would be committed without the agreement of the Committee. **Action ongoing**

b. Future of the Community Centre: SF provided update. The design principles were with the architect. Next Area Board to be held in August.

5. Activities for 2011:

a. Wine appreciation evening: Action: IB to chase up delivery of orders which had not yet been fulfilled.

b. BBQ: Action: CBr to write letter of thanks to Anthony and Michael for manning the barbecue.

c. Boules competition 9th July: Action: JR to mail members to remind them about the competition. CBo and LC to check that all is in order at Queen's Head. Current title holders to bring trophy.

d. French Market Morning 2011: 25th June. Photos of market morning are on website. CBr to draft note for JR to send to shops thanking them for their efforts. CBr thanked all committee members who had participated in the market. RF gave breakdown of finances:

Stalls: £500 minus associated costs = profit of £204.77.

The twinning stall took £99.80 minus costs of £89.70 = profit of just £10.10

Overall profit = £214.87

Previous years' revenue had been in the region of £500 (actual profit unclear as an accurate record of costs for the set up of the event were not kept).

Although some wine etc was left over for another time, the meeting commented that the effort involved in organising the market morning was not repaid from the financial point of view. Timing had clashed with Armed Forces day and other events, and the weather had not been kind to us.

Action: All members required to suggest how we can improve and review at the next meeting.

e. Visit to Jargeau 2011:

- CBr had offered to write a short play which Pat Cannings would direct. **Action: CBr to produce draft by end Aug.**
- JR had contacted Mazy Bartlett who was organising art work. The school had asked CTA to fund a picture frame, and for newspaper publicity including the children before we take the artwork to Jargeau. **Action: JR to liaise with the school, IB to organise publicity.**
- Pen friends and accommodation for about 50 primary school children: JR reported that the Bath Youth Hostel Association would be able to accommodate up to 120 people. RF has e-mailed Carole in Jargeau with details and any further action lies with her. JR had approached local schools regarding pen friends and awaited responses.

6. Treasurer's Report:

New balance is £9545.65 including Jargeau trip deposits, leaving a working balance of £6305.65.

7. AOB:

- Photos of committee members: now on website. Thanks to LC and Andrew for taking the photos.
- Visit to Jargeau sub-committee to be set up nearer the time if required
- Need to agree a date to brief people about the Jargeau visit. **Action: MH to check Fire Station as possible venue and find out how many people it can hold.**
- Purchase of 4xlightweight tables: to be postponed until the tables are needed.
- CR said he had responded to a mail from a Town Council member referring to European Citizenship
- JR had received correspondence from Ken Oatley, a previous CTA Chairman, enquiring about missing CTA records. SF confirmed that the documents we had left with Chippenham records office 3 years ago had been properly curated. **Action: JR to respond.**

8. Next Meeting – 5th September 2011 (no meeting in August).