

CORSHAM TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting held on 05/12/2011

1. Present: Carole Brain (CBr), Roger Fido (RF), Millie Carter (MC), Christine Bastow (CBw), Maggie Rayner (MR), Maurice Hancock (MH), Chris Taylor (CT), Charles Boyle (CBo), Jo Reeves (JR), Sally Fletcher (SF), Keith Stephens (KS), Neil Carrigan (NC)

2. Apologies: Chris Riley (CR), Lindon Collins (LC), Ian Brain (IB)

3. Minutes of 7th November 2011 meeting – Agreed (subject to noting that at para 5c, a French conversation class was proposed as an activity, not as a fund-raising event). As Vice-Chairman, CBo chaired the meeting pending the arrival of the Chairman. On behalf of the Committee, CBo thanked the Secretary for her efforts in producing the minutes of the meetings.

4. Matters arising:

a. Twinning gifts and 30th anniversary commemoration: LC had given Corsham Council a copy of the photo of the plaque being presented to Jargeau – **Action complete.**

CBo to pursue with Highways Dept. re approval to have a plaque placed in Corsham to commemorate the twinning's 30th anniversary – Action ongoing. IBr to engage press interest – Action ongoing.

b. School art work/French schoolchildren visit: RF had presented the art work to the Junior school. As they don't teach French at that school, RF had arranged for the French children coming over in June 2012 to meet children from Regis school which did teach French. The Committee thanked RF for his efforts in engaging with the school. Response from Jargeau awaited.

c. Future gifts: RF said the Council had formally responded agreeing the proposal to present a joint gift (Council and CTA) to Jargeau in future. RF has informed Carole(Jargeau Chair).

5. Activities for 2012:

- **Quiz:** Sat 21st Jan at Community Centre. RF to organise
- **Wine Quiz:** Sat 24th March at Community Centre. CBo to organise
- **Talk on 1st World War:** Sat April 28th (tbc)
- **BBQ:** Sat 9th June at Millie Carter's
- **French Market Morning 2012:** Last Saturday in June. About 8 volunteers were required to coordinate and support the market morning .

Action: JR to set out what tasks are required and write to all members asking for support to enable this event to go ahead – to be included in letter from Chairman about membership renewal. Letter also to include proposals for French-themed events

- **Boules competition:** Sat 14th July, Queen's Head Pub, Box

- **Skittles evening:** Sat 15th Sept at Community Centre
- **Talk by Coppins the Jeweller:** Oct (tbc)
- **Visit of Jargeau to Corsham:** Thurs 1st – Sun 4th Nov.
- **AGM:** Fri 23rd Nov. at Corsham Fire Station

Action: JR to book Community Centre as required and to issue a programme of events to members.

6. Treasurer's Report:

Our working balance is £3791.92, plus the grant for the visit (estimated at £2220).

7. AOB:

- Committee Christmas meal: Thursday 8th December at Guyers House, 7.00pm for 7.30pm.
- Corsham Town Band would be performing at the Town Hall on Sun 11th December
- SF updated the meeting on the Community Campus project. The public presentation would not happen before Jan 12. The campus was due to become available in 2013/14. There were no issues with CTA's requirements
- AGM: Secretary to pass minutes of AGM to LC to publish on website, with the rider that they are subject to agreement at next AGM
- RF referred to the joint committee meeting held in Jargeau and the French preference to come to Corsham in May, but we prefer October. CBr to inform them accordingly.

8. Next Meeting: 9th January 2012