

CORSHAM TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting held on 09/01/2012

1. Present: Roger Fido (RF), Christine Bastow (CBw), Maggie Rayner (MR), Maurice Hancock (MH), Charles Boyle (CBo), Jo Reeves (JR), Keith Stephens (KS), Lindon Collins (LC), Ian Brain (IB)

2. Apologies: Carole Brain (CBr), Millie Carter (MC), Chris Taylor (CT), Sally Fletcher (SF)

CBo, vice Chairman, chaired the meeting.

3. Minutes of 5th December 2011 meeting – Agreed

4. Matters arising:

a. Twinning gifts and 30th anniversary commemoration: 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. French schoolchildren visit: RF confirmed that 50 schoolchildren and 2 teachers from Jargeau would visit Regis School on 6th June. Lunch would be provided in the Town Hall, and the Committee gave approval to spend up to £250 for the lunch. Humphrey Barnikle, Clare Vallorge, Roger Clifton, Liz Millward and Sally Fletcher had volunteered to help with the visit. RF wanted to plan the visit programme which would include a history of the town. MH offered to help if required. Vice-Chair thanked RF for his efforts which were a real achievement. **Actions: RF to speak to TIC. IBr to arrange photo of visit for newspaper.**

c. Future gifts: Position agreed regarding joint gift from Council and CTA - action complete.

5. Activities for 2012:

JR had issued the following programme of events:

- **Quiz:** Sat 21st Jan. Community Centre booked. RF has arrangements in hand. Cost of entry plus fish and chips held at £8. Raffle prizes required – Ibr and CBr to sell tickets on the night.
- **Wine Quiz:** Sat 24th March. CBo has action in hand.
- **Talk on 1st World War:** Sat April 2^{8th} (tbc) – arrangements in hand (MH)
- **BBQ:** Sat 9th June at Millie Carter's
- **French Market Morning 2012:** JR had written to committee members setting out what tasks were required. Few offers of help were forthcoming and it was recognised that the event did not produce sufficient profit or publicity to warrant the efforts that went into organising it. After some discussion the Committee agreed not to hold the French Twinning market morning this year but to work with the Council to do something alongside the visit of the French traders (date to be confirmed). We would have a CTA stall and the window dressing competition could still go ahead. **Action: Committee to work with Council as arrangements for French traders firm up.**

- **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) – overhead projector required. **Action: MH to book Fire Station**
- **Visit of Jargeau to Corsham:** Thurs 1st – Sun 4th Nov. CBo noted that the closing date for EU grant applications was end May. **Action: CBo to confirm dates and subject matter for the application. To be reviewed at next meeting.**
- **AGM:** Fri 23rd Nov. at Corsham Fire Station

6. Community Campus project: Warrants its own agenda item as CTA has a stake in its future. MH said that plans were moving on and we keep a watching brief.

7. Treasurer's Report:

Our working balance is £3695.19, plus the grant for the visit (estimated at £2220).

8. AOB:

- Committee thanked MC for organising the Committee Christmas meal which had been a great success
- RF proposed that Corsham Town Band should be invited to perform in Neston Church after the firework display in November (during visit from Jargeau). **Action: RF to approach the Band**
- AGM: LC had published draft notes of 18/11/11 meeting on website
- LC sought agreement to renew website at cost of £8.28 for 2 years and the Committee approved
- MR raised the need for CTA meetings to be held every month – Committee confirmed this was required, except for August
- The Committee expressed its regrets at the sad death of Judy Leech, wife of Jim Leech. MH and KS had attended her funeral on 9/1/12
- French conversation/opportunities for setting up French-themed events to be discussed at the next meeting

9. Next Meeting: 6th February 2012