

CORSHAM TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting held on 14/05/2012

1. Present: Carole Brain (CBr), Ian Brain (IB), Roger Fido (RF), Maggie Rayner (MR), Maurice Hancock (MH), Chris Taylor (CT), Millie Carter (MC), Christine Bastow (CBw), Lindon Collins (LC), Sally Fletcher (SF), Neil Carrigan (NC)

2. Apologies: Jo Reeves (JR), Charles Boyle (CBo), Chris Riley (CR)

3. Minutes of 2nd April 2012 meeting – Agreed.

4. Matters arising:

a. Twinning gifts and 30th anniversary commemoration:

- Issue of gaining permission to position a brass plaque in Corsham to commemorate the Twinning's 30th anniversary: **Action ongoing: CBo to visit his contact in Wells City Council to find out more, and also to follow up with the Prince's Trust.**
- RF had been in touch with Regis School re the gift they would like from Jargeau – a child-friendly map of France. RF had passed details to Carole in Jargeau. We await details from Carole of what they would like from us. **Action: CBr to liaise with Council.**

b. French schoolchildren visit to Corsham 6th June : RF gave an update on programme for the day, to include private visit to Corsham Court in morning (paid by the school), lunch in the Town Hall, and a meeting with pupils from Regis School in the afternoon. Group to be accompanied by 6 teachers and 3 CTA volunteers. Carole in Jargeau had written to thank RF for his efforts.

5. Activities for 2012:

- **Talk: Sat 28th Apr:** MH had given a very interesting talk on Corsham Fire Service
- **Slide show: Sat 12th May:** another enjoyable evening
- **BBQ, Sat 23rd June,** 6pm at Millie Carter's. Details to be confirmed at next meeting
- **French Market Morning 2012:** No further action required.
- **Boules competition:** Sat 14th July, Queen's Head Pub, Box
- **Skittles evening:** to be brought forward to **Sat 8th Sept.** RF to re-book Community Centre
- **Talk by Coppins the Jeweller:** Date confirmed as **Thursday 27th Sept.** MH to book Fire Station.
- **The AGM:** Fri 23rd Nov at 7.30pm. MH has booked Fire Station
- **Visit of Jargeau to Corsham Thurs 1st – Sun 4th Nov:**

- **EU grant application:** CBo to submit the grant application in CBr's name, by end May. CBr to check with Connect South West re giving a talk on their role in arranging work experience for young people. **Action: CBr.**
- **Action ongoing: CBo and sub-group to contact MPs, MEP, local councillors and Junior Council.**
- **Programme:** RF produced an approximate costing for the visit. After discussion the committee agreed to accept the recommended programme, but wanted to include hosts in the costs for the evening dinner, all subject to approval of EU funding. All committee members to consider further fund raising activities. **Action: All. RF to invite Band to the BBQ.**
- Remaining programme:

Thurs: Henderson Trophy skittles match in the evening at Community Centre

Fri: Visit to Bath during local elections. Discussions with local MPs and MEPs. Guided bus tour of the city. Dinner in evening at Community Centre

Sat: RF said Neston Fireworks were not until Sat 10th Nov, therefore he suggested attending the firework display in Chippenham instead. The Band would still perform their concert in Neston Church at 9.00pm.

6. Community Campus project: SF gave an update. Work is due to start in the Summer.

7. Treasurer's Report:

Our working balance is £4070.90, plus the EU grant for the 2011 visit (estimated at £2000 (reduced due to exchange rate)).

8. AOB:

- Outstanding subscriptions to be chased – **Action JR.**

9. Next Meeting: 11th June 2012