

CORSHAM TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting held on 11/06/2012

1. Present: Carole Brain (CBr), Ian Brain (IB), Roger Fido (RF), Maurice Hancock (MH), Millie Carter (MC), Christine Bastow (CBw), Sally Fletcher (SF), Jo Reeves (JR), Keith Stephens (KS)

2. Apologies: Charles Boyle (CBo), Chris Riley (CR), Maggie Rayner (MR), Chris Taylor (CT), Lindon Collins (LC), Neil Carrigan (NC)

3. Minutes of 14th May 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: If CBo has time will follow up..**
- We still await details from Carole about what gift the French school would like from us. **Action: CBr to liaise with Council: ongoing.**

b. French schoolchildren visit to Corsham 6th June : Many thanks to RF for co-ordinating what sounds like a very successful visit. 50 children and 6 teachers/parents arrived on time and had a tour of Corsham Court, before lunching at the town hall, getting to see one of the Olympic Torches and having a tour of Corsham. They also managed to meet up with some children (and parents) from Regis school, putting faces to the names of some of their pen-pals. Many thanks also to all those who helped out on the day to make it such a success. **RF to email photo and some words to IB to hopefully get a piece in the press.**

5. Activities for 2012:

- **BBQ, Sat 23rd June**, change of venue to The Brain's. **JR to email members with update. RF to let band know of change of venue.**
- **Boules competition:** Sat 14th July, Queen's Head Pub, Box
- **Skittles evening:** date change **Sat 8th Sept.** RF has booked the Community Centre
- **Talk by Coppins the Jeweller:** Date confirmed as **Thursday 27th Sept.** MH has booked the 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 has submitted the grant application – thanks to NC for his technical support! We will not hear until around September if we have been successful.

- **Info for town council newsletter:** CBo has sent in a piece for the next town council newsletter advertising the upcoming visit
- **Action ongoing:**
 - CBo is meeting up with Chamber of Commerce this Wed to hopefully persuade them to participate. And still waiting for final commitment from Duncan Haines and Julie Girling.
 - CBo is also meeting with the Junior council on Mon 18th to confirm final timings
- **Programme:** CBo provided a draft programme. RF has composed a letter to go out to members requesting a commitment for providing accommodation during the visit – will go out by end of June and members to reply by end of July. Carole has promised a full list of people coming by end of July. **Action: JR to send out**
- **Evening reception at Corsham Community centre:** RF/JR have written to Chairman of the Community centre to ask for reassurance that the gas will be reconnected by the time of the visit to enable catering. Have asked for a response by end of July otherwise an alternative venue will need to be sort.

6. Community Campus project: SF gave an update. Work due to start soon. **Action: SF to check on capacity of all and skittles facility.**

7. Treasurer's Report:

Our working balance is £3650.12, plus the EU grant for the 2011 visit (estimated at £2000 hopefully should arrive RF to keep us posted).

8. AOB:

- Outstanding subscriptions to be chased – **Action JR: ongoing.**
- KS/MH showed their disappointment that the Twinning did not put on a stall at the recent Jubilee celebrations

9. Next Meeting: 2nd July 2012