

CORSHAM TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting held on 3/09/2012

1. Present: Jo Reeves (JR), Ian Brain (IB), Neil Carrigan (NC), Lindon Collins (LC), Roger Fido (RF), Maggie Rayner (MR), Maurice Hancock (MH), Christine Bastow (CBw), Millie Carter (MC), Chris Riley (CR), Keith Stephens (KS)

2. Apologies: Carole Brain (CBr), Charles Boyle (CBo), Christine Taylor (CT),

3. Minutes of 6th August 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 provide update at next meeting.** RF proposed that this idea should be dropped in view of the financial position. **To be discussed at next meeting.**

5. Activities for 2012:

- **Skittles evening:** Sat 8th Sept at 7.30pm at Community Centre. Raffle prizes requested. NC offered to run the evening.
- **Talk by Coppins the Jeweller:** Thursday 27th Sept at 7.30pm at Fire Station. Free entry, raffle. **Action: JR to e-mail members with details.**
- **The AGM:** Fri 23rd Nov at 7.30pm. MH has booked Fire Station
- **Visit of Jargeau to Corsham Thurs 1st – Sun 4th Nov:**
 - **Funding:** RF said the Town Council would give CTA £250. Wilts County Council had declined our request for funds.
 - **Programme:** CBr could not provide the buffet for Sat evening. RF proposed using other caterers setting a budget of £1000 + VAT (about £6 per head) and committee agreed. **Action: RF to pursue.** RF estimated total expenditure for the whole weekend as around £1800. CBr was arranging entertainment for Sat evening (panto) and possible visit to a brewery on the Thursday.
 - **Youth competition:** JR proposed a Christmas tree decorating competition for Sat afternoon, with the trees being used to decorate the hall for Sat evening. About 4 artificial trees would be required, plus lights, and materials for making decorations. **Action: JR to contact Sharon Thomas at Town Hall to get Youth Council engaged in this activity. Also to send a link to those interested in participating.**

- **Visit to Bath (Fri):** 2 coaches to go to Bath. Volunteers to accompany RF were CBr, MR, JR and CR. Coaches would leave at 4pm and return directly to Corsham. **Action: RF to get info from Bath Tourist office about activities, maps etc.**
- **Gift:** we await advice from Jargeau about what gift they would like. **Action: RF to e-mail Carole in Jargeau again.**

6. Community Campus project: Ongoing.

7. Fund raising ideas: JR said ideas were needed and asked all members for suggestions to attract new people to events. Committee agreed we should agree the 2013 events programme at the November meeting, finalise it in December and publish it with membership letters in January.

Ideas include:

- Olive oil tasting. **Action: JR to pursue**
- MC was happy to host a BBQ and she would also follow up hand-made toys which could be sold to raise funds. **Action: MC to pursue**
- IBr will consider possible events at the Royal Oak. He also suggested linking up with other Twinning groups for fund raising events – **Action: JR to follow up with her contact in Trowbridge**
- Treasure Hunt on foot around Corsham – **Action: NC and MH to pursue**

8. Treasurer's Report:

Balance is £5310.72

9. AOB:

- **CBr to write to Council about gifts**
- RF proposed that people who are not hosting guests should be charged £10 per head for the buffet on Sat 3rd Nov and this was agreed
- **Visit to Jargeau 2013:** RF proposed the following programme. **NB the dates he gave at the meeting were incorrect. Please note revised dates as follows, with his apologies:**
 - Wed 30th Oct: depart
 - Sun 3rd Nov: return to UK

This will give us the 3 nights in Jargeau, will not break a working week and will fit neatly into the half term holidays (25th Oct – 6th Nov). Committee supported RF's proposals and agreed to put this to the French when they come to Corsham in November.

9. Next Meeting: 1st October 2012