

CORSHAM TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting held on 02/09/2013

1. Present: Roger Fido (RF), Maurice Hancock (MH), Christine Bastow (CBw), Jane Gater (JG), Felicity Hurlow-Jones (FHJ), Jo Reeves (JR), Margaret Smith (MS), Millie Carter, Sue Wingrave (SW), Chris Taylor (CT), Keith Stephens (KS), Sally Fletcher (SF), Lindon Collins (LC)

2. Apologies: Maggie Rayner (MR), Charles Boyle (CBo), Chris Riley (CR), Carol Brain (CB), Iain Brain (IB)

3. Minutes of 1st July 2013 meeting – agreed.

4. Matters arising:

a. Links with Chamber of Commerce: Action: CBo to pass papers to IBr.

b. Links with Photographic Society and Photo Competition: JR reported we only sent in one submission from Jim Ball who has also produced a poster which we will also send onto Jargeau.

Action: JR to send poster.

c. Gift from Jargeau: Still no news from head teacher of St Patrick's Primary School about what they would like to receive as a gift from Jargeau. **Action: JR to send letter to ask for response by end of Sept.**

d. Encouraging younger people to get involved in Twinning: Joy Wingrave has designed a great leaflet, SW/MW will send through the electronic version of us to use – big thanks to Joy!

5. Community Campus project: a completion date of Oct 2014 has been given – we'll keep watching this space

6. 2013 events programme:

- Sun 8th September at 2pm: Treasure Hunt in Corsham (on foot), starting and finishing at Royal Oak. No charge. MH has all in hand
- Sat 5th October: Talk by Mr Tony Wingrave to demonstrate woodturning. RF had booked the Jubilee Hall at the Community Centre. Talk to begin at 7.30pm. No charge for entry, but we will run a raffle (CBw and MH). **Action: JR to email members.**
- Wed 30th October – Sun 3rd November: Visit to Jargeau
- Fri 22nd November at 7.30pm: AGM. Fire Station is booked.

Arrangements for 2013 visit to Jargeau: Still awaiting finalised programme from France – will circulate when we have it. RF has told Jargeau we are happy to cover the cost for entry into Sully-sur-Loire on Saturday if needed.

Action: MH to confirm Corsham School parking and give RF contact and we will confirm this in writing.

We discussed potential dates for Jargeau visit in 2014 – mindful that they may want to come in May.

Action: On the coach on the way to Jargeau we will do a straw poll to see how many people would be available to host in May to see how feasible this will be as an option before the joint committee meeting.

EU grant: Jargeau were unfortunately unsuccessful in their application for EU funding this year, missing out by a mere 2.25 points! MS/JG helped translate the feedback from the EU. It was agreed in the future we need to consider whether to apply and how to fund/manage visits if no funding will be forthcoming.

From August meeting: CBo had received a response from our MEP regarding the lack of EU grants awarded to UK Twinning Associations and passed committee members a copy of the letter from the European Commission. After discussion, Committee agreed that matter was worth pursuing.

Actions: CBo to draft a response to our MEP. Ongoing.

7. Treasurer's Report: Post-meeting note: Balance is £6843.57.

RF has a number of cheques from balance payments for the visit to be deposited.

8. AOB:

- DVDs of Jargeau children's visit to Corsham – LC passed to SW. CT will try to bring to next meeting
- 2014 programme suggestions were raised:
 - RF will investigate a boat trip from Devizes for in May
 - MS has suggested a cassoulet evening – potentially for March
 - RF suggested keeping the Quiz (Jan), Wine tasting and BBQ (summer months)
 - MH offered to do a talk on Bee keeping
- Committee Christmas Meal: RF suggested The Greyhound at Bromham and we looked at the menus, all were in favour so RF is looking to book for Wed 11th Dec – if this date is confirmed we will circulate menus and get orders and payment.

9. Next Meeting: Monday 7th October, 7.30 pm at Corsham Club