

CORSHAM TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting held on 07/10/2013

1. Present: Roger Fido (RF), Maurice Hancock (MH), Christine Bastow (CBw), Jane Gater (JG), Jo Reeves (JR), Neil Carrigan (NC), Margaret Smith (MS), Millie Carter (MC), Sue Wingrave (SW), Keith Stephens (KS), Lindon Collins (LC), Maggie Rayner (MR), Charles Boyle (CBo), Chris Riley (CR)

2. Apologies: Felicity Hurlow-Jones (FHJ), Chris Taylor (CT)

First the good news: JR and NC announced that they were about to get married and expected a baby in the New Year. Many congratulations to them both.

3. Minutes of 2nd September 2013 meeting – agreed.

4. Matters arising:

a. Links with Chamber of Commerce: CBo has passed papers to IBr who has agreed to be our representative on an ex-officio basis. Action complete.

b. Links with Photographic Society and Photo Competition: JR has sent poster to Jargeau - action complete.

c. Gift from Jargeau: St Patrick's Primary School had asked for plants for a children's sensory garden as our gift. For their gift, Jargeau had requested outdoor games equipment. Committee agreed to a total outlay of around £140 which will cover purchase of a noughts and crosses game, 2 large draughts sets and a set of large wooden dominoes. Town Council had agreed to fund half of the costs. **Action: RF to arrange purchase.**

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. **Action ongoing**

5. Community Campus project: a completion date of Oct 2014 has been given with the assurance that existing rooms won't be demolished until new ones are available.

6. 2013 events programme:

- Sun 8th September at 2pm: Treasure Hunt in Corsham. An enjoyable event, won by JR. Committee thanked MH and NC for organising the event, and MS for providing the prize.
- Sat 5th October: Talk by Mr Tony Wingrave to demonstrate woodturning. Committee thanked Mr Wingrave for his interesting talk and demonstration.
- 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: MH confirmed that car parking will be available at Corsham School, opening at 8am on day of departure and 8pm on the evening of our return. RF gave details of the updated programme from Jargeau which is as follows:

Wed 30th Oct: Depart Corsham at 0900. Overnight stop in Rouen.

Thurs 31st Oct: Arrive Jargeau lunchtime. Afternoon with families. Evening: aperitif, official ceremony, photos and exchange of gifts. Speeches by Jargeau district council, the mayor, Carole and Jargeau Junior Council; and by Corsham Council rep (Miranda Morgan), RF and Corsham Junior Council. Speeches to be translated as they are given. Hosts to provide meal.

Fri 1st Nov: Public Holiday in France. 0930: Joint Committee meeting. Henderson trophy competition in afternoon. Hosts to provide meal.

Sat 2nd Nov: 0900: Trip to Sully-sur-Loire château and shopping centre in our coach, stopping at St Benoit basilica en route. Hosts to provide packed lunch. Guided tour of château in afternoon (funded by Jargeau). Return to Jargeau around 5pm. Aperitif, concert and lotto in evening.

Sun 3rd Nov: Depart Jargeau.

A pre-departure meeting will be held on Tues 15th October at 7.30pm in the upstairs room of the Royal Oak. IBr to provide wine and invoice us afterwards.

Carole had asked for items for the Agenda for the Joint Committee meeting. RF proposed we discussed the EU grant. Our last two attempts to apply for grants had failed, and the rules for qualifying had changed, making it unlikely that we would be eligible in future. There were some benefits to not having the grant, eg more freedom in planning visit programmes. Committee agreed this was a useful topic for the Agenda. We would continue to seek grants from other sources eg Area Boards and the Methuen Trust.

From August meeting: CBo had received a response from our MEP regarding the lack of EU grants awarded to UK Twinning Associations. Committee agreed that matter was worth pursuing. **CBo to draft a response to our MEP. Action ongoing.**

2014 events programme:

RF had investigated a canal boat trip from Devizes for May, and a trip to Wadsworth brewery in Devizes was also suggested. Details of this and other events to be firmed up at December meeting.

AGM Committee changes:

MC, IBr and CBr intended to resign from Committee. JR will resign as Secretary and a replacement will need to be found. NC was willing to re-join the Committee and would be able to offer advice as an ex-Chairman.

Publicity: Action: CBo to write a piece about Twinning for Corsham & Box Matters.

7. Treasurer's Report: Balance is £5034.64. In addition, £39 was made from the raffle at the Woodturning demonstration, and RF had some cheques to be deposited.

8. AOB:

- DVDs of Jargeau children's visit to Corsham – with SW and CT - **ongoing**
- Committee Christmas Meal: The Greyhound at Bromham was booked for Wed 11th Dec.

9. Next Meeting: Monday 11th November, 7.30 pm at Corsham Club.