

CORSHAM TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting held on 11/11/2013

1. Present: Roger Fido (RF), Maurice Hancock (MH), Christine Bastow (CBw), Jane Gater (JG), Jo Reeves (JR), Margaret Smith (MS), Matt Wingrave (MW), Sue Wingrave (SW), Lindon Collins (LC), Maggie Rayner (MR), Charles Boyle (CBo), Chris Riley (CR), Felicity Hurlow-Jones (FHJ), Chris Taylor (CT)

2. Apologies: None.

3. Minutes of 7th October 2013 meeting – agreed.

4. Matters arising:

a. Links with Photographic Society and Photo Competition: Well done to Jim Ball for his competition entry. Action complete.

b. Gift from Jargeau: Action: RF to arrange delivery of gifts to St Patrick's Primary School.

c. Encouraging younger people to get involved in Twinning: Action: MW to get quotes for printing the leaflet designed by Joy Wingrave and to agree with RF number of copies required and distribution eg schools, Corsham Tourist Information Centre.

5. Community Campus project: Ongoing. Concern had been expressed about lack of a second skittle alley for the 2014 competition, RF was investigating an alternative.

6. 2013 events programme:

- **The AGM:** Fri 22nd November at 7.30pm: AGM. Fire Station is booked and preparations are in hand. RF to organise wine.

Visit to Jargeau 30th October – 3rd November 2013: RF had received a number of letters thanking the Committee for organising a most successful visit. CBo proposed a vote of thanks to RF which all Committee members supported.

Matters discussed at the joint committee meeting in Jargeau had included:

- 2014 visit to Corsham: the majority of hosts favoured the dates of 6-9th June. MW expressed concern about the impact on the ability of families with school age children to participate. **Action: RF to inform Carole in Jargeau of the June dates.**
- EU Grant: The 2014 theme for EU grant applications was Remembrance, with a closing date for submissions of 15th February 2014. The Committee agreed to proceed with an application and CBo would lead, supported by MW, RF and CR.
- Visit programme: The theme of Remembrance would inform our plans for the visit and link up with World War 1 commemoration events being organised by the Council. A number of suggestions were made for days out which the Committee would consider. We would work on the basis that we are unsuccessful in securing the EU grant. CBo asked for any

contributions about how life was for the French during wartime which he could work into our grant application.

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: The following was proposed:

- Sat 18th January: Quiz with fish & chip supper at Community Centre, organised by RF
- Sat March 15th: Cassoulet, to be cooked by MS and JG, location to be decided
- Sat April 12th: Talk on beekeeping by MH at Fire Station
- Sat May 17th: Boules competition at Queen's Head, Box ,to be organised by CBo
- Fri 6th-Mon 9th June: Visit of Jargeau to Corsham
- Sat 5th July: BBQ to be hosted by MS
- Sat 16th August: Wine tasting, to be hosted by RF
- Sun 14th September: Canal boat trip to Devizes, to be organised by RF
- Fri 21st November: AGM

Events for February and October to be decided.

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

7. Treasurer's Report: Closing Balance for the year is £5253.67.

8. AOB:

- DVDs of Jargeau children's visit to Corsham – with SW and KS - **ongoing**
- Committee Christmas Meal: The Greyhound at Bromham was booked for Wed 11th Dec.
- MH congratulated children who had spoken French so well during the visit
- LC would open a Facebook account for joint use by Corsham and Jargeau Twinning Associations.

9. Next Meeting: Monday 6th January 2014, 7.30 pm at Corsham Club.