

## CORSHAM TWINNING ASSOCIATION

### Minutes of Meeting held on 3/3/2014

**1. Present:** Roger Fido (RF), Jane Gater (JG), Matt Wingrave (MW), Sue Wingrave (SW), Joy Wingrave (JW), Maggie Rayner (MR), Felicity Hurlow-Jones (FHJ), Lindon Collins (LC), Charles Boyle (CBo), Maurice Hancock (MH), Christine Bastow (CBw), Margaret Smith (MS), Sally Fletcher (SF), Miranda Morgan (MM)

**2. Apologies:** Chris Taylor (CT), Graham Canfield (GC)

RF said that Miranda Morgan had been officially appointed as Corsham Council's representative on the CTA Committee and welcomed her to the meeting.

**3. Minutes of 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2014 meeting** – agreed.

**4. Matters arising:**

**a. Encouraging younger people to get involved in Twinning:** SW said Twinning leaflets had been printed and were available for distribution. JW to continue to recruit another younger committee member – **Action: JW – ongoing – to be discussed at next meeting of Corsham Youth Council.**

**b. CTA Constitution:** Committee reviewed Constitution and agreed no amendments were required.

**5. Community Campus project:** SF gave an update. Discussions were currently underway about setting prices for room hire. New building would begin to open from June. MH noted that there were no skittle alleys, SF said this could be raised with the project officers.

**6. 2014 events programme:**

- Sat March 15<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm: Cassoulet, to be cooked by MS and JG. In hand. **Action: SW to send out reminder to all members.**
- Sat April 12<sup>th</sup>: Talk on beekeeping by MH at Fire Station
- Sat May 17<sup>th</sup>: Boules competition at Queen's Head, Box, to be organised by CBo
- Fri 6<sup>th</sup>-Mon 9<sup>th</sup> June: Visit of Jargeau to Corsham (see below)
- Sat 5<sup>th</sup> July: BBQ to be hosted by MS
- Sat 16<sup>th</sup> August: Wine tasting, to be hosted by RF
- Sun 14<sup>th</sup> September: Canal boat trip to Devizes.
- Sat 11<sup>th</sup> October: Skittles at Cricket Club – RF has booked.
- Fri 21<sup>st</sup> November: AGM

**Action: SW to investigate need for Temporary Event Notices (TEN) for events where alcohol is sold (eg at BBQ).**

**Visit of Jargeau to Corsham:** CBo said date for submission of applications for EU grant had now passed but there was still nothing about this on EU website. CBo had passed the matter to our MEP. Our application for a grant of £2000 from Corsham Area Board had been rejected as it was for running costs, however a revised application for £497 towards purchase of a PA system would be considered by CAB at their next meeting. RF would represent CTA at that meeting. RF said so far only 45 people from Jargeau would come (one coach). He would ask Carole to confirm and ask for people's preferences for the visit to Weymouth or Swindon.

**Visit programme:** Fri 6<sup>th</sup> June: CBo to contact Carole regarding speakers for the debate. Carole had sent RF details about World War I in the Loiret which he would pass to the Council. **Actions: CBo/RF**

Sat 7<sup>th</sup> June: French coach would take one party to Weymouth (assuming it would be the most popular choice), accompanied by LC and Claire. Swindon trip could be managed by cars. Visitors to buy their own lunch unless hosts prefer to supply a packed lunch.

Sun 8<sup>th</sup> June: Joint Committee meeting at 9.30am. Service at Corsham Baptist Church at 10.45am run by MW, with translators. Corsham Band booked to play at Corsham Football Club at 5.30pm and 7.30pm.

RF has asked Carole in Jargeau if there are any French traders who would like to come to Corsham. Royal Oak car park would be available for their use. CBo has hastened Jargeau vice chairman, response awaited. CBo has asked Corsham Chamber of Commerce if they would like to do something similar.

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

**2015 visit:** Committee voted and agreed that our next visit to Jargeau would take place in October 2015, dates to be confirmed once school holiday dates have been established. **Action: MM to give RF school holiday dates.**

**7. Treasurer's Report:** Balance is £4741.10 plus £100 float.

**8. AOB:**

- DVDs of Jargeau children's visit to Corsham – with SF and RF – **ongoing**
- MR read out an e-mail she had received from Corsham Regis Primary School about opportunities to Skype a primary school in Jargeau. **Action: RF to contact the school with details about Porte Madeleine school in Jargeau and to take them some twinning leaflets.**
- SW had a book about the Loiret which she proposed to give to the new Corsham library. FH-J suggested CTA have a stand at the library promoting Twinning. **Action: MM to pursue with Corsham Council**
- JW to give some Twinning leaflets to Corsham Youth Council. RF had been invited to attend their next meeting
- Committee agreed to refund CT her deposit for the 2013 trip to Jargeau as a goodwill gesture. Future letters would stipulate that the deposit is non-refundable.

**9. Next Meeting: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2014, 7.30 pm at Corsham Club.**