



CORSHAM TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 10th February 2018

Present at the meeting: Roger & Ann Fido, Jonathan Fido, Maurice Hancock, Maggie Rayner, Felicity & Peter Hurlow-Jones, Nigel & Liz Millward, Mark & Jane Campbell, Christine Bastow, Jane & Cliff Gater, Maggie Smith, Margaret Mills, Roger Clifton, Ken & Jenny Oatley, Sue Jacobs, Lesley Jefferson, Rob Cannings, Humphry Barnikel

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Matt & Sue Wingrave, John Rayner, John & Joan MacIver, Christine Taylor, Charles & Isabel Boyle, Keith Stephens, Penny Clifton, Pat Cannings, Terry Reynolds, Felicity Hamilton, Pete Spencer

2. Chairman's welcome

Roger Fido welcomed everyone to the 37th AGM of the Corsham Twinning Association.

3. Approval/amendments of minutes of AGM 2016:

The minutes from the meeting on 17th November 2016 were approved, proposed by Jane Gater and seconded by Sue Jacobs.

4. Chairman's address:

Roger Fido's report was as follows:

I am pleased to report our membership is still strong. We have had 10 new members in the last year. Sadly we lost Sally Fletcher, Ken Salter and Graham Canfield all of whom were active supporters of the Association.

Please continue to recruit family and friends – it is our future growth. We are trying, once again to involve Corsham School and will see if our approach works.

Our events were well supported and I thank you all for that. It makes the effort worthwhile. Huge thanks go to the committee and especially Jane Gater as Vice

Chairman, Matt Wingrave as Treasurer, Sue Wingrave as membership secretary, Maggie Rayner as secretary, and Jonathan Fido as webmaster.

The main event was of course the visit in October. What a coach and what a driver (we won't mention low railway bridges) ! A great time was had with the visit to Vaux de Vicomte, Beaugency and The Soiree. A tiring 5 days but well worth it. For 2019 we plan to go in May. With the fall of Sterling/Euro I regret I cannot envisage doing it for the £200 we paid in 2017.

We now look forward to their visit in May and hope that goes as smoothly.

You should all have the 2018 programme and I would like to thank Jonathan for the preparation of the card. The missing details will be filled in as the year progresses.

I look forward to your continued support and greeting new members.

5. Matters arising:

There were no matters arising from the 2016 meeting.

6. Financial report

Roger Fido presented this year's accounts. The closing balance was £5115.95. The accounts were in a healthy position, aided by the successful fund raising activities that had been held during the year. Maggie Rayner proposed to accept the accounts and Rob Cannings seconded.

7. Election of Officers and Committee

The election for members of the committee was as follows:

Chairman: Maurice Hancock proposed Roger Fido to continue as Chairman, seconded by Liz Millward. No other nominations were received and Roger Fido was elected.

Secretary: Nigel Millward proposed Sue Wingrave to continue as Secretary, seconded by Liz Millward. No other nominations were received and Sue Wingrave was elected.

Minute Secretary: Jane Gater proposed Maggie Rayner to continue as Minute Secretary, seconded by Margaret Mills. No other nominations were received and Maggie Rayner was elected.

Treasurer: Matt Wingrave wished to stand down as Treasurer due to other commitments. The Chairman recorded our thanks for all his hard work and support. Matt wished to continue as a committee member. The Chairman proposed Mark Campbell as Treasurer and this was seconded by Maggie Smith. No other nominations were received and Mark Campbell was elected.

Vice-Chairman: to be agreed by committee members at their next committee meeting.

Committee members: Sally Fletcher had sadly passed away in December 2017. Rob Cannings had left the committee and there were currently 3 vacancies.

Current members, who were happy to continue, were: Roger Fido, Matt Wingrave, Sue Wingrave, Maurice Hancock, Maggie Rayner, Christine Bastow, Jane Gater, Felicity Hurlow-Jones, Maggie Smith, Christine Taylor, Keith Stephens, Nigel Millward. These were re-elected en bloc, proposed by Liz Millward and seconded by Roger Clifton.

A representative from The Town Council would be required.

8. AOB

- a. Maurice Hancock proposed that Charles Boyle should be made a life member of the CTA. He had been an excellent member for many years and had worked hard to promote the CTA. Rob Cannings seconded the proposal which the meeting agreed unanimously.
- b. Ken Oatley proposed that the Chairman should be re-named President. Roger Fido said this was not appropriate as Maurice Hancock was the President.
- c. Maurice Hancock was willing to be involved in promoting CTA links with Corsham School if this is followed up.

9. Date of next AGM:

Saturday 9th February 2019 at 7.30pm at the Cricket Club, to be followed by a skittles match.