

**CREWE AND NANTWICH TWINNING ASSOCIATION
MINUTES FROM COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2007 @ 7PM
EAST COMMITTEE ROOM
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS
EARLE STREET
CREWE**

APOLOGIES

Jim Grant, Peter Barnard, Cllr. Maurice Jones, John Colbert

PRESENT

Clive Mosby (Chair)

Ray Stafford, Richard Parkes, Wendy and Lindsay Johns, Peter Kay, Barbara Colbert, Ann Roberts, Rosemary Tremper, Trevor Lightfoot, Ann Jones, Carol Lightfoot

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING

Visit from Bischofsheim should have read that the delegates would be arriving on 26th June not July. The remainder of the minutes were deemed a true and correct record.

TREASURERS REPORT (WENDY)

The cash flow statement for Oct/Nov was handed out to the committee.

Clive stated that the matter of the overcharging for the bar bill at the Nostalgia Evening was still to be resolved.

CANTA has paid the bill for the scones.

One anniversary wine glass, payment is still outstanding (Jim Grant).

The committee decided that if possible all members should be asked to pay their annual subscription each April.

Wendy and Carol will do an up to date members list which can then be circulated to all members.

WEB SITE (PETER)

An email has been sent out to Committee Members stating that a working outline version of the revised website can be accessed from www.canta.org.uk/home.htm

And that he would be pleased to receive feedback relating to accuracy, display problems etc.

All members are reminded that they can access the CANTA website on www.canta.org.uk

And if they have any items to be put on the website or any suggestions or queries they can contact Peter on webmaster@canta.org.uk

Peter showed the proposed front page to the committee. The website is basically complete but a little linking up is yet to be done.

It was suggested that if any one wanted to start BLOGS this could be linked in.

Carol has all the passwords but no data as yet.

Clive stated that he was a little concerned about space but Peter assured us that there was plenty.

Peter explained about the Home Page. It was decided that we needed translations to back the flags up. Members Richard Parks and Jan Czerski would be asked to do

the German and Polish translations and that Shirley Firth who had helped with translations for the 50th Anniversary Celebrations would be asked to do the French. Peter suggested that the minutes from each meeting could be in PDF form. It was noted that the Councils Website on twinning was out of date and that Rachel Bailey was still down as the CANTA Secretary, Ann Jones said she would look into this.

Peter suggested that we put an activities diary on the site but would need a responsible person to inform him of planned activities. The majority seemed to think this should come from the secretary.

SOCIAL (ROSEMARY)

The social committee met on the 21st November at Carol and Trevor's (Rosemary, Carol, Trevor, Barbara, Ann Jones and Ann Roberts)

Arrangements were being made to hold a photo evening, showing all photos etc from the Anniversary Celebrations in Crewe and Nantwich and Macon. Ann Roberts has arranged this to be held at the Willaston Club on 11th January to include a buffet £3.50 a head, buy your own drinks. The evening will start at 7.30pm. A raffle also to be included. Carol to send out a flyer when all arrangements confirmed. RSVP 2nd January.

The annual dinner at Danebank has been booked for Thursday 28th February 2008, details of this to be circulated next month when the menu is available.

It was also suggested that we perhaps arrange a 'Ten Pin Bowling' evening.

COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATION

Barbara Colbert attended the meeting at Brookfield House. She brought some forms back for filling in. They need to know about CANTA, our aims and objectives. They need to know what the project is that we need the money for and we need to give them costings.

Ray Stafford has supplied us with a Community Grant Application Form.

It was decided that a small sub group be formed to look at and fill in these forms and then to report back to the Committee. Clive, Wendy and Lindsay volunteered.

BISCHOFSCHEIM VISIT

Clive has received a telephone call from Alois Barton (Chairman of Twinning Association) stating that there are only 15 persons interested in coming at present but he was expecting that there could be more by the closing date of 17th December 2007 .

As soon as we have the numbers and the names of the delegation Ann J. will ask for hosts.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter has been received from the 'Shackleton Explorer Scout Group' from a unit based

In Crewe. They are taking 12 explorer scouts aged 16 – 18 to a jamboree in Siberia in July 2008.

The purpose of the visit is to:

- 1: Donate equipment to less fortunate scouts.
- 2: Spread the ethos of scouting
- 3: To enrich the lives of those involved who can bring new skills back to share with

others.

The group leader has written to ask for financial help towards funding this trip. As this appears a very worthwhile cause the committee were divided in the outcome as the visit is not directly linked with any of our twin towns. Ann Jones proposed that we give a donation of £100, this was seconded by Ray Stafford, the committee agreed.

An email has been received from Francoise Lindeberg (Macon Twinning) asking for an au pair girl or boy aged 16 – 18 to look after a 3 year old girl for the month of July 2008. Accommodation is a private room with all meals and a small allowance.

An email from Stewart Cooper (under 19s Rugby)

The rugby tour is to take place in Macon 2nd – 6th April 2008. A total of 28 persons will be travelling. Hotel accommodation is booked at the Hotel de Geneve.

A suggestion was made that we could perhaps give the rugby team a Civic send off .

An email from Peter Kent suggesting a trip to Mow Cop when the delegates come from Bischofsheim. He is also asking what links we have with MMU and if none we could be looking into this for the future.

AOB

Joyce gave us a brief talk about her recent trip to Dzierzcionow. She said she attended several meetings but the bulk of the meetings was taken up with the proposed visit of the Crewe Male Voice Choir in May.

She said that they were still very anxious that we commit ourselves to the proposed visit of youngsters to their town in July 2008.

As this next year is a special anniversary in the Dzierzcionow Calendar there is a possibility that CANTA may get an invitation to visit between May and December. Special greetings have been sent to the Mayor, Mr and Mrs Roberts and Barbara Colbert.

Ann R. and Joyce reported that there was some interest being shown in the painting competition. Some pictures have been received and there was interest shown from Wybunbury Delves School and Wyche School.

The meeting finished at 8.30pm