

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

APOLOGIES

Cllr. Maurice Jones, Wendy and Lindsay Johns, Peter Barnard.

PRESENT

Clive Mosby (Chair), Cllr. Ray Stafford, Cliff Walker, Peter Kay, Ann Roberts, Rosemary Tremper, Ann Jones, Trevor Lightfoot, Barbara Colbert, John Colbert, Joyce West, Carol Lightfoot.

Welcome guest introduced by Cllr. Ray Stafford, Richard Parker who is interested in joining CANTA and speaks fluent German.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING

Date of arrival of delegates from Bischofsheim not the 22nd June as stated but Friday 27th June 2008.

Remaining minutes a true and correct record.

TREASURERS REPORT

Apologies received from Wendy.

A copy of the September/October statement was circulated.

Clive queried whether CNBC had paid for the scones at the 50th Anniversary Celebrations.

Clive stated that CANTA had received a surprise bill from CNBC for the doorman at the Civic and what he thought was an excessive bar bill for the same evening. Clive would look into this.

WEB SITE

Peter said that it was coming along. The situation at present is that we have a basic web site. Peter said that he was working on an introductory page with an explanation of CANTA and its twinning with Macon and Bischofsheim and friendship agreement with Dzierzoniow. He said he wanted a text for Dzierzoniow and if any one had any relevant material to send to the webmaster.

It was decided that any press release and any item concerning CANTA which made the press should automatically be sent to the webmaster.

Clive thanked Peter for all his hard work and time spent on formatting the web site.

MACON VISIT

All who visited Macon for the 50th Anniversary Celebrations could not praise our hosts enough. The entertainment and the weather was exceptional, the food and wine even more so. Renewed friendships have been made and an even more special bond now exists between the two towns.

Letters of thanks have been sent to the Mayor of Macon and the Twinning Association from Cllr. Maurice Jones (Mayor of Crewe and Nantwich), Cllr. Brian Silvester (Leader of the Council) and Clive Mosby (Chairman of CANTA). It was suggested that we organise a social evening when all photos' and any other memorabilia from this years 50th Anniversary Celebrations be shown.

FUTURE EVENTS

Arrangements are in progress for an under 19yrs Rugby tournament to take place in Macon in 2008.

The Crewe Fire Cadets have expressed an interest in visiting our twin towns and contact has already been made with their counterparts in both Macon and Bischofsheim.

A request has come from the twinning association and the Town Council of Dzierzoniow wishing to invite a group of 15 – 18yr olds to a youth event to be held next year 22nd to 29th July 2008. It was suggested that this request be passed over to Andy Ridgway, youth leader of Cheshire County Council.

A delegation is to visit from Bischofsheim next year. They will arrive on Thursday 26th July and will stay in York. They propose to visit Crewe and Nantwich for the weekend arriving on Friday evening 27th July and departing Monday morning 30th July when they will be visiting Stratford upon Avon and Canterbury before returning home. They have requested that the weekend spent in Crewe and Nantwich be relaxed with no Civic involvement, we therefore need ideas for the weekend activities. They have expressed a visit to Wybunbury to walk on the Moss and to climb the tower and a possible visit to Chester. They have their own coach and driver and there are a certain number of seats available for hosts over the weekend. Ann J. said we need numbers as soon as possible because we need hosts for them.

Mainspitzer school has requested an exchange 13 – 17yrs. It was suggested that we plan a campaign to contact all schools in the area. Clive said he would draft a letter which could be sent out. It was also thought that someone from CANTA visit any schools showing interest.

It was decided that the Social and Fundraising Committee re- convene. Rosemary who is chairperson of this committee made arrangements for a meeting on Wednesday 21st November at 7pm at Trevor and Carols'.

TWINNING GRANTS

It was suggested that we explore ideas for obtaining funding to assist us with the visit in June from Bischofsheim.

Details of a 'Funding Advice Event' is to be held on Thursday 29th November from 10.00am – 2.00pm at the Town Council Office, Brookfield Hall, Nantwich. It is hoped that some one from the committee can attend.

Ray said he would forward a CNBC Community Grant Application form over to Trevor.

Linda Walker at the council could also be contacted.

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Ann R. suggested that perhaps a plaque giving an explanation be put on the signpost which gives directions and kilometres to our twin and friendship towns. Carol said she would email Elaine Dodd.

Over the past two years children from Dzierzoniow (our friendship town) have sent artwork to be displayed in the library. Ann R. and Joyce W. have sent out a letter to all Junior Schools in the area asking if they would like become involved in a similar venture.

The meeting finished at 8.15pm.