

**CREWE AND NANTWICH TWINNING ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES FROM COMMITTEE MEETING  
WEDNESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2008 @ 7PM  
EAST COMMITTEE ROOM  
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS  
EARLE STREET  
CREWE**

**APOLOGIES**

John and Barbara Colbert, Cllr. Maurice Jones, Ann Roberts

**PRESENT**

Clive Mosby (Chair), Lindsay and Wendy Johns, Cliff Walker, Cllr. Ray Stafford, Peter Kay, Ann Jones, Trevor and Carol Lightfoot.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Treasurers Report, an oversight that it was agreed to donate £50 to the Rotary Club of Crewe and Nantwich Weaver for the guided tour of Nantwich on 1<sup>st</sup> July when the agricultural engineering students from Macon visited.

Duck Race, Cllr. Ray Stafford confirmed the date for this as Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2008 @ 2.30pm at Macon Meadows.

Choir Concert, Cliff Walker reported that the Lottery Grant of £394 asked for had been refused.

Nantwich Town Band have agreed to participate in the concert the charge will be £100.

**TREASURERS REPORT (WENDY)**

Accounts at month ending July 2008 are £1,091.82

Grant from CNBC still not received.

Cliff stated that we must be looking into future funding of CANTA with the Council going over into East Cheshire,

**WEB SITE (PETER)**

Continues to progress.

Since April there have been 180 unique visits to the site.

Clive asked of the possibility of a guest book.

Still need some more news items for the site.

**SOCIAL (ROSEMARY)**

The Hoe Down is now booked. The band and callers will be £350 and we will need to pay for food, suggestions that we have a hot pot supper. We need to sell 100 tickets at £10 to make the evening viable.

With changes being made at Dane Bank College it will not be possible to have the annual CANTA dinner there. Clive suggested the Hunters Lodge, Rosemary will make enquiries for February 2009.

The Duck Race, Ray will have all the information for the September meeting.

The Choir Concert, Ann J. showed the committee proposed posters, all agreed these were suitable and she would bring along copies to the September meeting for distribution.

### **PUBLICITY (ANN J.)**

A 'news brief' had been submitted to the Chronicle of the recent visit of Lucie Meuzard the Business Studies Student from Macon.

### **TWINNING ACTIVITIES**

An invitation to Lanskroun CZ has been received for six persons from the Council and the Twinning association to attend a weekend of 'Walking and Cycling Celebrations' 12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> September 2008. To be able to make arrangements Carol will contact the Mayors' Secretary and members of the CANTA Committee and anyone interested must let her know by Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2008.

Clive mentioned that a delegation comprising of Council members had been organised to take the 'Roses' to Macon in November. CANTA members expressed their disappointment that an invitation had not been extended to any of the twinning association committee, especially as most of the organisation of the '50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations' was taken on by CANTA. Clive has spoken to Cllr. Brian Silvester and he will contact Macon and ask if two members from CANTA can be included in the delegation. Committee members asked if we could not organise a private visit.

There has been a request from a French Mature Student to spend time with a family during August and September, he wishes to improve his English before starting a new job in October. It was felt that the request was very short notice and due to the time being a holiday period it was impossible to achieve. Carol was asked to reply to the Macon twinning committee and explain.

The CV's from the 16 electrical engineering students have been received. It was decided that this request from Macon is going to be a hard one to achieve. Once the MMU and Dane Bank College are back from summer recess we can hopefully try and sort out accommodation and work placements. It was thought that if we contacted Dane Bank who do a BTEC electrical course they may have a list of of businesses/industrial sites who may take these students for six weeks. In the meantime all committee members were asked to try and find contacts who may be willing to offer a work placement.

Rosemary has just returned from 'French School' organised by the twinning association in Macon. She told us that there were 50 people on the course all from Macon's other twin towns. The accommodation was basic student accommodation. Lunch was included which was very good and wine with every meal. There were sessions in French in the morning and visits after lunch which included visits to Cluny, Dijon and Macon.

The students had a varied knowledge of French but the course managed to suit all abilities. Entertainment was by the folk group 'Le petit Lamartiens'.

Rosemary thoroughly enjoyed the experience and thought that perhaps more should enrol if the course is repeated.

An added experience was she travelled alone by train.

## **AOB**

Trevor stated that the 'French School' in Macon had been a valuable experience for Rosemary and that perhaps it would be a good idea if we could perhaps put on a similar course for persons from our twin towns. Obviously it would be difficult to fund ourselves and we would need help from the Council and would also need to use any educational resources which would be available to us. It was something we perhaps could look at in the future.

Cliff reminded everyone of the visit of Basia and her daughter on 21<sup>st</sup> August and the arranged Bar B Q on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August at 5pm at Carol and Trevors.

This was to be a small gathering of people who had met Basia in DZ and had been grateful for her interpreting.

The evening was to be by invitation, Clive and Rosemary to sort out.

Carol to invite the Mayor and leader of the council.

It was suggested that the food be pooled and everyone bring a bottle. Rosemary will coordinate with everyone to decide who is doing and bringing what.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.