

**CREWE AND NANTWICH TWINNING ASSOCIATION
MINUTES FROM OPEN MEETING
WEDNESDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2008 @ 7PM
EAST COMMITTEE ROOM
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS
EARLE STREET
CREWE**

APOLOGIES

Peter Kent, John and Jill Oakes, John and Barbara Colbert, Joyce West.

PRESENT

Clive Mosby (Chair), Ray Stafford, Ann Roberts, Ann and Maurice Jones, Wendy and Lindsey Johns, Peter Kay, Rosemary Tremper, Trevor and Carol Lightfoot.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Previous minutes were deemed correct.

End of Council meeting, Cllr. Ray Stafford and Cllr. John Hammond were present.

Regarding the end of CNBC evening they asked if three persons from our twin towns could attend. The date for this event has yet to be finalised, possibly 27th March 2009. Maurice has written to the Mayor Cllr. Brian Silvester and the Leader of the Council Cllr. John Hammond asking for more guests from our twin towns to be invited with input as well from CANTA.

We have not yet received any information regarding this event from David Marren.

The next meeting is on the 18th December, Clive was asked to write a letter of support from CANTA.

It was suggested that we find out what twinning arrangements Congleton and Macclesfield have. We should also write to Riddle Graham the clerk of Nantwich Town Council.

TREASURERS REPORT(WENDY)

Financial statement for month ending November 2008

Humm. Trust - £1,091. 82

Current finances stand at £6,097. 34

Wendy and Carol still have to meet regarding sorting the membership out. The current membership on paper is 62 and corporate members 3 but looking at the financial statements from April 2008 less than half of these have paid their membership fees. It was suggested that everyone should pay their membership at the beginning of the financial year.

WEB SITE (PETER)

The guest book is now available for anyone to write in their comments.

We need to write to our twin towns asking them to input the site.

SOCIAL (ROSEMARY)

Posters and tickets are available for the Hoe Down on Friday 30th January. Rosemary and Ann Jones have the tickets and posters. Anyone requiring tickets to get in touch with them with numbers and payment before 15th January 2009. Rosemary will put out an email to all members and a letter to members not on email.

Clive has contacted the Hunters' Lodge and dates available for the CANTA annual dinner are
Wednesday 18th February

Friday 20th February

Saturday 21st February

All members present thought that the Friday might be the best date. Maurice asked if it was possible to incorporate some entertainment after the meal as we had the room for the whole evening. Clive said he would ask about a disco.

The approximate cost for the meal would be £15.

TWINNING ACTIVITIES

Dzierzoniow – A youth football team is coming over in July 2009 to play in a tournament organised by the Guy Harvey youth club. They are staying at Reaseheath.

No news from Bischofsheim

Clive gave an update on the recent visit to Macon.

The Mayor Cllr. Brian Silvester and Mayoress Sheila Davies, The leader of the Council Cllr. John Hammond and his wife Ann, last years' Mayor Cllr. Maurice Jones and his wife Ann, the chairman of CANTA Clive Mosby and his wife Jane and CANTA committee members Trevor and Carol Lightfoot went for the weekend of 21st – 24th November 2008, the aim of the visit to plant the 50 roses 'Macon Rouge' given last year by CNBC to celebrate 50years twinning with Macon.

On the Friday evening the delegation were taken to a 'Food and Wine Festival' where the Mayor of Crewe and Nantwich and the Mayor of Macon performed the opening ceremony. The roses were then planted by the Mayor Cllr. Brian Silvester and last years' Mayor Cllr. Maurice Jones, Brian was then made a member of the Saint-Fiacre Brotherhood (gardeners). This was followed by dinner cooked and served by a delegation from Neustadt, twin town with Macon for 52 years.

On Saturday after free time in Macon the delegation attended the Town Hall for a meeting with the Mayor of Macon, Council members, Twinning association members, Tutors from schools and colleges in Macon and members of the chamber of commerce. This was an ideal opportunity to discuss ideas for the future. This was followed by lunch at a local restaurant and afterwards a trip to Tournus a town steeped in history and an abbey dating back to the 11th century. Wine tasting followed at a local vineyard and dinner at a local restaurant.

On Sunday the twinning association took the delegation to Beaune famous for its' Burgundy wine and its' hospice. Dinner at a local restaurant was superb followed by a visit to the world famous Hospice followed by a coach journey back to the hotel in driving snow.

Monday morning before returning back home the delegation was taken to the 'Hameau du Vin' a museum of wine, which proved to be extremely interesting.

MMU LINKS

The next meeting with MMU staff is 8th December 2008 so will be discussed at the January meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence received has been discussed in agenda items.

AOB

Regarding the visit of Agricultural Engineering Students next year. The tutor Gino Ceddia has requested a visit to Bentley. If we cannot organise this for them Trevor suggested a visit to Oulton Park and he will look into the possibility of this.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

