

**CREWE AND NANTWICH TWINNING ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES FROM COMMITTEE MEETING  
WEDNESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> JULY 2008 @ 7PM  
EAST COMMITTEE ROOM  
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS  
EARLE STREET  
CERWE**

**APOLOGIES**

Clive Mosby(Chair), Cllr. Maurice Jones, Peter Kay, Wendy and Lindsay Johns.

**PRESENT**

Cliff Walker, Ann Roberts, Ann Jones, Trevor Lightfoot, Rosemary Tremper, John and Barbara Colbert, Cllr. Ray Stafford, Carol Lightfoot, Lucie Meuzard (student from Macon)

DUE TO BOTH THE CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN SENDING THEIR APOLOGIES ANN JONES WAS ELECTED BY THE COMMITTEE TO TAKE THE CHAIR FOR THE MEETING.

Ann welcomed everyone to the meeting and a special welcome to Lucie Meuzard (Business Studies Student From Macon)

**MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF 4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2008**

Election of Officers – Cllr. Ray Stafford said that he wanted to be considered for re election onto the committee but had not received the paperwork for nomination. He was asked to leave the room while the committee discussed his request. It was decided that he should be re elected onto the committee, this was proposed by Rosemary and seconded by Cliff. Ray was welcomed back onto the committee.

Penpals – There have been two responses from the request to correspond with a lady in Macon and details have been sent to the twinning association.

Cllr. John Hammond (Leader of the Council) – As requested minutes from the meetings are being sent to him. He has responded by saying how keen he is about twinning and will be happy to attend some of the meetings in the future.

Student from Macon (Lucie Meuzard) – Further to CNBC offer of work experience the Chamber of Commerce have offered a placement for one week and The Hunters Lodge Hotel have also offered a placement. CNBC Work Division have also offered a placement.

**TREASURERS REPORT**

Wendy has sent her apologies, the financial statement sent shows £2,126.45p in our account.

Some members stated that it was very difficult to gain access to the financial statement. This is to be discussed at the next meeting when Wendy is present.

## **WEBSITE**

The web continues to do well. Members to be encouraged to contribute please

## **SOCIAL (ROSEMARY)**

Unfortunately the bowls night had to be cancelled due to lack of support.

The Male Voice Choir Concert is now booked for Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October. Trevor is ringing the Lions Youth Band and Nantwich Town Band to see if either of them are available on that night and what is their fee. Cliff stated that he had asked for a lottery grant of £394 and thought that the answer would be favourable.

Cliff has booked the Hoe Down for 30<sup>th</sup> January 2009 at the Willaston Club. The tickets will be £10 each this will include a Hot Pot Supper. The evening will cost £350 this includes the band and the food. Cliff will pay a deposit of £35 and CANTA will reimburse him. It was decided to also have a raffle.

Duck Race, this is to take place in October. Ray will print the tickets. Outgoings to CANTA will be £22 plus two raffle prizes which will be shared by two other organisations. If CANTA want to run a tombola they are welcome to do so.

The next social committee meeting is to be on the 16<sup>th</sup> July at Ann Jones'.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Twining Committee of Macon – Requesting that we find a placement for 16 electrical and maintenance students who are doing a three year course and about to sit their exams. To achieve their training they are required to do a six week training period in an English speaking country and have requested to come to Crewe and Nantwich. The dates are 10<sup>th</sup> November – 19<sup>th</sup> December 2008. Discussion took place and it was thought that perhaps MMU could be used to accommodate the students, the letter states that they would pay for accommodation. With regards to work placements all members of CANTA would be asked if they knew of any electrical company who could help. CV's of all students are available.

Gino Ceddia, an Economics teacher will be visiting Reaseheath College on 1<sup>st</sup> July with 22 agricultural engineering students and wishes to visit the Municipal Buildings in Crewe on that day and also a possible visit to Crewe

or Nantwich. This visit was achieved with special thanks to The Mayor Cllr. Brian Silvester who due to a previous engagement arranged for the Deputy Mayor, Cllr. Rachel Bailey to meet the group and show them around the Municipal Buildings. Members of the CANTA committee Joyce West and Trevor and Carol Lightfoot also met the group. After coffee and refreshments kindly donated by Harry Clewlow and the Mayoress Sheila Davies the group went to Nantwich where they were taken on a guided tour of the town by Crewe and Nantwich Weaver Rotary Club.

Twinning Committee of Macon – requesting a town flag to be flown with flags from their other twin towns on the Esplanade Lamartine in Macon. Carol would contact the Mayors Secretary regarding the possibility.

Guy Harvey Youth Club – emails received from The Mayor Cllr. Brian Silvester and Lynn Davies of Connexions passing on congratulations that the football team from the youth club had just returned from Dzierzoniow and had won all the trophies.

### **REPORT FROM BISCHOFSCHEIM (CLLR. MAURICE JONES)**

Given by Ann in Maurice's absence.

25<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> April 2008

As a final event to our Mayor year we received an invitation from the Burgomaster and friends of Bischofsheim.

A part of the usual excellent hospitality we were involved in business meetings.

On our first night we were invited to a meeting with the Head Mistress and a number of staff in the I.G.S. Mainspitze School.

They are very keen to exchange cultures in particular in languages, theatre, music, sport and catering. To overcome any initial fears I suggested that teachers may undertake exchanges first.

Saturday and Sunday we were involved in many social events including a concert with choir and accordion band.

On Monday a meeting was held with the Bischofsheim Twinning Association who explained that the planned trip to England in June 2008 was cancelled because not enough members (25 people as a minimum were needed) and was too expensive for the smaller number. The twinning association are looking for around 15 people for next time and I informed them, we CANTA will do everything possible to help.

Some positive news was that the Nantwich and District Band will be hosted in 2009, and the HHS (Accordion Band) will visit in 2010. Planning has been in progress since the start of 2007

A late item of news was the anniversary of 150 years of the railway in Bischofsheim. This will be held over the weekend 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> September 2008 . Dietmar will provide and forward more information. Tentative enquiries already made with the Manager at the Heritage Centre.

A question was also asked about the future of the Borough of Crewe and Nantwich. The latest information was reported to the committee and the Burgomaster.

The last day was a social outing to Frankfurt and Bad Hamburg.

An excellent weekend especially at the end of a very busy Mayoral year.

Cllr. Maurice Jones.

### **TWINNING ACTIVITIES**

Cliff reported that Basia Hucaluk and her daughter from Dzierzoniow will be guests of him and his wife Jane from the 21<sup>st</sup> August. It was decided that perhaps CANTA could put on a Bar B Q for her. Carol and Trevor will put on the Bar B Q at their home on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August, but will need help from CANTA members.

John Colbert reported that there will be a Danish Folk Group visiting and that they will be dancing in Crewe Town Square on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July.

### **AOB**

Carol and Trevor reported on their visit to Dzierzoniow to celebrate the 750 anniversary of the town. They were guests of the town along with the Mayor and Mayoress of Crewe and Nantwich Cllr. Brian Silvester and Sheila Davies and the leader of the Council Cllr. John Hammond and his wife Ann. There were also guests from other twin towns of Bischofsheim and Lanskrone in CZ. It was a hectic but very enjoyable weekend. Whilst in DZ the winners of the DZ quiz were announced. The winner from Crewe and Nantwich was Joyce West and the runner up Raymond Pearson. The prizes were given to the Mayor to be handed over when back in England.

Rosemary reported on a leaflet she had obtained 'The Net' specially designed for people wanting to advertise on the web. The cost is £6 a line plus VAT.

Ann raised her concerns regarding CANTA members entering competitions which were connected with the association.

The meeting closed at 8pm

