

**CREWE AND NANTWICH TWINNING ASSOCIATION
MINUTES FROM COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2008 @ 7PM
EAST COMMITTEE ROOM
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS
EARLE STREET
CREWE**

APOLOGIES

Peter Kay, Cllr. Ray Stafford, Wendy and Lindsey Johns.

PRESENT

Clive Mosby (Chair), Ann Jones, Ann Roberts, Cllr. Maurice Jones, Rosemary Tremper, Joyce West, Trevor and Carol Lightfoot, David Marren (Guest).

Clive welcomed David Marren who has been nominated the link person between Crewe and Nantwich Borough Council and CANTA.

Congratulations also to Peter Kay on becoming a Grandfather.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Apologies to Rosemary, she was present at the October meeting.

Treasurers' report – Re £5000 from CNBC, Clive said that the grant had been the same for the last four years and should we not get an increase.

Re visit to Bischofsheim by Nantwich Town Band, Jeanette Armstrong Chairperson will be contacting the Accordion Band in Bischofsheim re proposed visit.

Re CANTA members, Wendy and Carol have yet to get together to look at the membership list and bring it up to date.

TREASURERS REPORT

The financial statement for month ending October 2008 was circulated.

Wendy is on holiday. An email sent to say that the bank information goes as far as statement 44.

Current finances stand at £2672.80 in the current account and £6097.34 in the deposit account.

Profit from the choir concert was £242.60 and the duck race £282.00

WEB SITE

Peter has sent his apologies but an email says, the guest book is now functional. The Crewe and Nantwich Blogs and the Dabbers site can also be accessed.

SOCIAL (Rosemary)

All arrangements have now been made for the Hoe Down on 30th January 2009. Ann Jones and Ann Roberts have printed posters and tickets. We need to sell 80 tickets to break even. Members will be asked to make a special effort in selling tickets and that we get the appropriate cash back for the tickets sold. The tickets are priced at £10, this includes a hot pot supper, trifle and entertainment. Posters and tickets can be obtained from Rosemary, Ann Jones and Ann Roberts.

Clive still to get a quote for a meal at the Hunters Lodge in February.

MMU LINK (Clive)

Following a recent meeting with tutors at MMU the possibility of a summer school has been established. It is hoped that we can initiate a pilot scheme next July. Trevor Brown, Business Development Manager at MMU will look at the costings. It is hoped that the duration of the school will be six days and will incorporate sessions on language, civilisation and cultures with visits to places of interest. Initially it was thought that we should invite only people from Macon and if it is successful we can then extend it to our other twin towns.

Some concern was shown over the cost and it was suggested that we look to various bodies where we might gain a subsidy i.e the European Parliament, British Council and possible funding from within the University for funding for foreign students.

TWINNING ACTIVITIES

The scouts have been asked to go over to Dzierzoniow next year.

Nantwich Town Band are going to Bischofsheim next year.

When Maurice and Ann visited Bischofsheim recently they were told that several schools in the area were keen to twin with Crewe and Nantwich and an idea was put forward for teachers to visit and discuss this.

Malbank school are keen to twin with a high school in Macon.

A delegation including The Mayor, Cllr. Brian Silvester and Mayoress, Sheila Davies, Leader of the Council, Cllr. John Hammond and his wife Ann, Cllr. Maurice Jones and his wife Ann plus representatives from CANTA Clive and Jane Mosby and Carol and Trevor Lightfoot are to visit Macon on Friday 21st November 2008 when the roses bought to celebrate 50 years of twinning with Macon are to be planted. The name of the rose is 'Macon Rouge'.

CORRESPONDENCE

Sue Lock, Chief Executive of Wulvern Housing has offered a placement to a business student from Macon. Unfortunately the student has found another placement. However Wulvern housing have responded by saying they will always welcome new people with diverse backgrounds especially from our twin towns.

An email from a Mrs Sam Wilkinson from Crewe Voluntary Action, asking if we can help a lady who has relocated from Germany and who's husband works for Bentley, she is keen to do any voluntary work.

An email from Jeanette Carson (Chairperson Nantwich Town Band) to say she is now married and new name is Armstrong also new email address.

An email from Francoise Lindeberg (Macon Twinning) with a list of schools and colleges in Macon and names of contacts.

An email from Cllr. John Hammond (leader of the Council), he has spoken to the Chief Executive and can now inform us that David Marren has kindly agreed to be our link officer with the Borough Council.

AOB

Report from Council Meeting (Cllr. Maurice Jones). Maurice attended a Council Meeting specifically to deal with the ending of the CNBC before going over to East Cheshire. An item on the agenda was to discuss holding an event to commemorate the end of CNBC. Maurice said that one idea was to move the 'Town and Gown' evening to March and incorporate the two but a date has yet to be fixed. On behalf of CANTA Maurice asked if delegations from our twin towns could be invited to this event. A decision at this meeting was that only the Mayor and his partner would be invited and from what Maurice understood only to be invited to the event. Members of the committee felt that there should be more delegates invited and for the weekend with accommodation and a programme of visits etc. planned. David Marren said that he was sympathetic and would investigate further and keep us informed. Maurice said that Cllr. Margaret Simons was the portfolio holder for twinning and perhaps she should become involved.

We have heard no more about the sign post being situated at our request between the 'Three Lamps Pub and Ethel Austin', Carol to write to Cllr. Brian Silvester.

We have two new members, Keith and Betty Burton.

Ann Roberts suggested that CANTA lay a wreath on Remembrance Sunday.

Maurice suggested that anyone involving themselves or becoming involved with anything involving twinning and specifically CANTA it should be forwarded onto the CANTA Secretary.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.