

**CREWE AND NANTWICH TWINNING ASSOCIATION
MINUTES FROM COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY 1ST OCTOBER 2008 @ 7PM
EAST COMMITTEE ROOM
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS
EARLE STREET
CREWE**

APOLOGIES

John and Barbara Colbert

PRESENT

Clive Mosby (Chair), Carol and Trevor Lightfoot, Cllr. Ray Stafford, Cliff Walker, Ann Roberts,
Cllr. Maurice Jones and Ann Jones, Peter Kay, Lindsay and Wendy Johns,
Guest Cllr. John Hammond, Leader of the Council

Clive welcomed Cllr. John Hammond, Leader of the Council to the meeting.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

An email has been received from Nantwich Choral Society deciding to withdraw their Corporate Membership with CANTA.

Cllr. John Hammond said that Paul Ancell (Chief Executive CNBC) is putting a programme together to arrange an evening function at the end of the year of Crewe and Nantwich Borough Council. The idea was to make the Town and Gown Evening much bigger and hold it at the end of March 2009. A meeting to discuss this is to be held on 17th October @10am in the Municipal Buildings. Cllr. Ray Stafford is on the committee which is holding the meeting and Carol Lightfoot and Cllr. Maurice Jones were asked to attend to represent CANTA as it was suggested that the twinning association be involved and the possibility of an invitation from the Council being extended to a Civic Delegation from our twin towns.

TREASURERS REPORT (WENDY)

Current Account - £7,113. 26p
Trust Fund - £1,091. 82p

Wendy and Carol are to review the membership.

Clive asked if some of the money in the current account could be put into an account where it could gain interest, Wendy will look into this.

Cllr. John Hammond was asked what happens to the £5000 which is given annually by CNBC when we become East Cheshire, he said he feels sure that this will be honoured.

WEB SITE (PETER)

Carol reported that she had received two scam emails directed to the CANTA Sec.

Crewe and Nantwich web site is linked but Peter can't find one for just Nantwich. Trevor will find the site and forward it on to Peter.

In 5 months the site has received 352 visits:

80% - English

10% - Polish

9% - French

1% - German.

SOCIAL (ROSEMARY)

Crewe Male Voice Choir and Nantwich Town Band Concert - Tickets are on sale. Ann Jones and Ann Roberts have advertised it in the Chronicle and Guardian and also Radio Stoke. Tickets can be purchased on the door. There will be a raffle on the night, prizes needed please. Cold drinks will be provided for the Choir and the Band.

Duck Race – Ray needs sponsor sheets in by Thursday 9th October.

Hoe Down – Is booked for Friday 30th January 2009 at Willaston Club. Tickets will be £10 a head this will include, Hot Pot Supper and Trifle and entertainment. There will also be a raffle.

Annual Dinner – Clive still to get a quote from the Hunters Lodge. The College are able to cater but a maximum of 40. The cost is £13.95 a head.

TWINNING ACTIVITIES (CLIVE)

The visit to Lanskroun unfortunately did not take place. The Mayor and Leader of the Council had prior engagements and only one person from the CANTA committee was able to go. It was therefore decided to postpone the visit on this occasion.

Dzierzoniow scouts have sent an invitation to the Crewe and Nantwich Scouts to attend a Summer Party next year.

Clive has been talking to Keith Burton who is in contact with Bischofsheim. The Accordion Band is concerned that they have not heard from the Nantwich Town Band regarding their visit next year. We will speak to Jeanette Carson the Chairman of the Nantwich Band at the Concert.

The visit to Macon to plant the roses is to go ahead on 21st and 22nd November 2008. Regarding the delegation we are still unsure of who will represent the Borough. Trevor suggested that Clive and his wife should represent CANTA. It was also suggested that a meeting be arranged in Macon with the twinning association and tutors from various schools and colleges. There appears to be a great deal of interest from the schools/ colleges in Macon.

We have not heard whether the folk group from Macon ‘Le Petit Lamartiniens’ are still planning on visiting next year.

The Mayor Cllr. Brian Silvester has invited members of the CANTA committee to meet a party of Spanish students who are twinned with Malbank High school Nantwich, on Monday 6th October 2008 @ 10am at the Municipal Buildings. Clive is away on holiday but Ann J., Maurice, Carol, Trevor and Cliff said they could go.

Clive said that we need to further our relations with schools in the area who had in the past shown an interest in twinning. Clive said he would contact Malbank, Thomas Moore and Shavington and Maurice would contact Kingsgrove and Ruskin.

CORRESPONDENCE

An email has been received from The French Circle to say that it has a new secretary Norma Sykes, email address is given.

AOB

Trevor said that we needed a link person with the Council, we need someone who we can go to for help and advice. Cllr. John Hammond said he would speak to the Chief Executive and ask if there could be a designated link officer.

Peter has been contacted by Audlem Parish Council regarding twinning. They would like to know more about how to form an association. They would like to know if other towns like themselves have twinning associations. They were unsure as to who they belonged to, Peter told them that CANTA covered all the Borough of Crewe and Nantwich. They then asked what happens to CANTA when we go over to East Cheshire. Lots of questions which Peter said he had no answers to. Clive said what ever happened he hoped that there would always be CANTA.

NEXT MEETING

PLEASE NOTE THE USUAL MEETING DUE TO BE HELD ON 5TH NOVEMBER 2008 IS CANCELLED.

THE NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2008 @ 7PM IN THE EAST COMMITTEE ROOM, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, EARLE STREET, CREWE.