

**CREWE AND NANTWICH TWINNING ASSOCIATION
MINUTES FROM COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY 1ST APRIL 2009 @ 7PM
WEST COMMITTEE ROOM
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS
EARLE STREET
CREWE**

APOLOGIES

John and Barbara Colbert, Maurice Jones, Ann Roberts, Ray Stafford.

PRESENT

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

MATTERS ARISING FROM MARCH 2009 MEETING

Finance report – The deposit account interest should have been 42pence not £42 as stated.

The dinner at the Hunters Lodge – The increase in price from £15 to £19 was to be paid by CANTA not the members as stated in the minutes. If the meal had had to be cancelled due to lack of numbers a cancellation fee would have had to be paid.

TREASURERS AND MEMBERSHIP REPORT (WENDY)

Finance statement to date:

Current Account - £2,348.77p

Deposit Account - £6,112.63p interest still 42p.

Expenses for the 'End of Crewe and Nantwich Weekend' will be shown in next months' statement, But at present look to be approximately £800.

Wendy reported that she had written to all persons named on the original membership list and issued those persons with the new direct debit form. Very few as yet have been returned and it is looking likely that the membership could be down as much as 50%.

WEB SITE (PETER)

During their recent visit, guests from Bischofsheim were reminded of our web site and they told us that they are in the process of creating their own.

The Comite Jumelage in Macon has used our web site. They have sent a copy of their annual report to Clive which features items from our site.

Peter still needs updated photos from twinning visits.

SOCIAL (ROSEMARY)

The committee thanked Rosemary for organising the Hoe Down and making it a success.

Cliff reported that the Choir Concert planned for September is now to be held on Saturday 25th July 2009, the Co-op Brass Band has also been asked to play. Some of the committee felt that it would be difficult to sell tickets during the summer holiday period.

It was decided that the social committee would meet on 15th April 2009 to discuss this further and also discuss future events.

END OF CREWE AND NANTWICH WEEKEND (POST MORTEM)

Clive reported that very little went wrong and that the whole weekend was a huge success.

There were one or two hiccups rather than problems, these being that there was some confusion over hot meals at the Ramada 'Encore' Hotel when the guests arrived and the seating plan at the 'Town and Gown' was not thought out. The weekend proved to be very hectic and Clive wondered if perhaps we hadn't tried to fit too much into the programme. Should the Council have invited M. Rognard, previous Mayor of Macon and an Alderman of the Borough of Crewe and Nantwich.

The choice of restaurants was exceptional and all meals served were superb.

According to our guests the highlights of the weekend were the boat trip at Chester to the Red House Restaurant and the Dinner at Crewe Hall.

Comments from guests from Bischofsheim:

The whole weekend was five star.

The hair stood up at the back of my neck when the National Anthem was sung in Chester Cathedral.

Comments from Macon:

Beautiful memories, filled with wonder, bowled over, vive la twinning!!

Special thanks must go to:

The Ramada 'Encore' Hotel

The Residence Restaurant, Nantwich.

The Red House Restaurant, Chester.

Crewe Hall Hotel.

Burland Coaches.

The staff at the Lyceum Theatre.

David Marren and Mary Slinn.

Letters of appreciation will be sent to all above.

Clive reported that the weekend had been arranged by CANTA on behalf of Crewe and Nantwich Borough Council. The weekend was within the budget agreed, and that all payments would be settled before Crewe and Nantwich went into East Cheshire on 1st April 2009.

SUMMER SCHOOL

The group involved would be meeting in early April and would report at the next meeting.

TWINNING ACTIVITIES

Wendy is hoping to arrange a visit of girl guides to Bischofsheim.

The Crewe Male Voice Choir are to give a concert in Dzierzoniow in 2010.

Clive has arranged a meeting at South Cheshire College on 22nd April to discuss twinning.

Bischofsheim are to celebrate their 20th Anniversary of twinning with Dzierzoniow next year and there is a possibility that Crewe and Nantwich could be invited.

Due to the problems we appear to have in getting the local schools to twin, Clive suggested that it may be possible to arrange for teachers from our twin towns to come over and meet the teachers from our schools to exchange ideas and views.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter has been received from Rosemary informing us of her intention to resign from the committee at the next AGM but intends to remain a member. Rosemary's daughter who lives in Lyon is expecting a baby and Rosemary intends to be spending more time in France with her daughter and grandchild. The committee would like to wish her well for the future and would like to express their thanks for all the hard work and support she has given to CANTA. Emails of appreciation for the weekend had been received from Francoise Lindeperg and Pierre Joureau.

AOB

Questions were asked as to what we now do with Peter's twinning document. Clive said he would write to the Chief Executive of Cheshire East.

Macon are having a 'Europe Day' exhibition and would welcome any literature from past twinning events. Ann Jones said she would look into it as there could possibly be some posters etc. in the Municipal Buildings.

Clive asked who we ask to be our Honorary President now there is no Mayor of Crewe and Nantwich. It was felt that the new Mayor of Cheshire East be asked, the new Mayor is Cllr. Margaret Simons.

The meeting was brought to a close at 9pm.