

**CREWE AND NANTWICH TWINNING ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2009 @ 7PM
WEST COMMITTEE ROOM
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS
EARLE STREET
CREWE**

APOLOGIES

Gill and John Oakes, Trevor Lightfoot, Maurice Jones, John Colbert.

PRESENT

Clive Mosby (Chair), Ray Stafford, Ann Jones, Mick Roberts, Peter Kay, Barbara Colbert, Dave Hollinshead, Wendy and Lindsay Johns, Carol Lightfoot.

MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING FROM NOVEMBER MEETING

All agreed that the minutes were a true and correct record. Any matters arising would be discussed in the relevant items on the agenda.

TREASURERS AND MEMBERSHIP REPORT (WENDY)

The current account shows an actual balance of £1780.91

The deposit account shows an actual balance of £6915.03

The Bric a Brac and Spin and Win stalls at Wybunbury Village Christmas Fair raised £79.20
Payment to Wybunbury Village Hall for the stalls was £10.

The grant of £5000 has been awarded to CANTA by Cheshire East Council. Trevor and Carol Lightfoot and Cllr. Betty Howells attended the committee meeting to hear the decision made.

Wendy asked that all members who pay their membership by direct debit check that their old standing orders have been cancelled and that the direct debit goes out on 1st. April each year.

WEBSITE (PETER)

There are photos of the Guy Harvey and Polish football teams on the web.

News is now being put on the web from Macon and Bischofsheim.

Peter would like to remind all members if they have items of interest involving CANTA or news from our twin towns please contact him webmaster@canta.org.uk

SOCIAL (CAROL)

The Christmas Fair at Wybunbury was a success making £79.20 from Bric a Brac and Spin and Win. Clive thanked everyone who helped.

Despite advertising the Hoe Down booked for the 8th January 2010 little interest has been shown, those enquiring about it thought that it was a too costly at £12 a ticket and was too soon after Christmas. Wendy said that the only profit made at the last Hoe Down was from the raffle. In principle Clive said that it should be cancelled and the committee members present all agreed. Mick was asked to speak to Cliff to see what deposits had been paid and to speak to Carol before the weekend.

It was decided to go ahead with a night out on Friday 19th February 2010. Maurice had enquired from the Bickerton Poacher re a Skittles evening. It is £25 to hire the bowling alley plus extra for a meal. We need a minimum of 20. It was thought that when we had numbers

of persons interested we could look at hiring a mini bus or coach. Ann J. will give all details to Carol to send out emails and letters to see how much interest there is.

TWINNING ACTIVITIES

Normid 2000 brass band are in the process of making arrangements to visit Bischofsheim and play in a concert organised by the Bischofsheim accordion band. CANTA have said that they will help financially if needed.

A group of 'old' scouts who twinned with scouts from Macon many years ago are meeting on Saturday 5th December for a get together in Crewe.

CORRESPONDENCE

Clive has received an email from the scout group in Dzierzoniow inviting scouts over from Crewe and Nantwich to a summer camp in 2010.

Macon has emailed the itinerary for their Summer School next year. Carol is to send this on to schools and colleges and the French Circle. It will also be on the website for anyone who might be interested in attending.

AOB

Ann and Maurice Jones, Wendy Johns and Carol Lightfoot met with Nathalie Ormarod and Trevor Brown from MMU at MMU on 30th November 2009 to discuss the possibility of putting on a Summer School next year. An itinerary was in place having been put together for the Summer School which should have taken place this year, but due to the late advertising was not possible to go ahead.

The ideal dates for next year are Sunday 11th July 2010 – Sunday 18th July 2010. It was decided to look for accommodation for up to 30 students. MMU unfortunately cannot accommodate students until 25th July 2010.

It was thought that booking a Hotel with Conference facilities might be worth looking at as an alternative to the facilities offered at MMU.

Trevor B will find out the cost from MMU for, accommodation on a bed and breakfast basis with lunch. Also the cost of two mini buses and drivers. The cost of the conference rooms and the hourly rate of a tutor.

The group from CANTA would find out how much the Ramada Encore Hotel would charge for similar accommodation, meals and conference rooms. The group also felt that if the number of students was in excess of 20 that it could be cheaper to hire one coach and one driver from a local firm.

The group will meet again on Friday 8th January 2010 at 10am @ MMU.

It is hoped that we can therefore put out a provisional itinerary advertising the Summer School to Macon, Bischofsheim and Dzierzoniow.

Regarding the proposed trip to Bischofsheim the dates will be Tuesday August 31st 2010 – Tuesday September 7th 2010. Trevor has contacted Dietmar and this is the best time to visit Bischofsheim so that we can take part in the 'KURB' festival. It is proposed that Trevor and Clive meet again before the next meeting to look at a central place to stay and places of interest to visit.

The meeting was brought to a close at 8.30pm.