

**CREWE AND NANTWICH TWINNING ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES FROM COMMITTEE MEETING  
WEDNESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2009 @ 7PM  
EAST COMMITTEE ROOM  
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS  
EARLE STREET  
CREWE**

**APOLOGIES**

Ann Roberts, John and Barbara Colbert

**PRESENT**

Clive Mosby (Chair), Cllr. Ray Stafford, Peter Kay, Cliff Walker, Ann Jones, Cllr. Maurice Jones, Lindsey and Wendy Johns, Rosemary Tremper, Trevor and Carol Lightfoot.

**MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING**

Members of the committee wished it to be noted regarding the poor response of CANTA members who attended the open meeting in December 2008. In fact there were only committee members in attendance, four members sent apologies.

Omitted from the finance report was £2,684. 62p in the current account.

**TREASURERS REPORT (WENDY)**

Balance sheet for month ending December 31<sup>st</sup> 2008 is:

Deposit Account - £6,097. 34

Current Account - £2,684. 62

C/A Humm. Trust - £1,091.82

Peter has paid £6. 42 for the web site domains' annual subscription.

**WEB SITE (PETER)**

All information regarding the web site has been forwarded over to our twin towns.

The webmaster still needs photos' from recent visits to Dzierzoniow and Macon. Trevor will download photos' of both onto a disc.

**SOCIAL (ROSEMARY)**

The Hoe Down, 30<sup>th</sup> January. Tickets are now on sale and it has been advertised in the Chronicle. Rosemary needs to know final numbers by 15<sup>th</sup> January,

Ann J. mentioned that the CANTA annual dinner booked at the Hunters' Lodge on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February unfortunately was on the same night as 'The Oscars'. Clive will see if Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February is still available and if so will go ahead and book it.

Cliff will look at dates towards the end of the year to book a choir concert again.

**END OF CNBC, CANTA INVOLVEMENT (CLIVE)**

The dinner which would incorporate the 'Town and Gown' is to be Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2009 at the Civic Hall, Nantwich.

At the last meeting of the Council it was decided to invite six people from each of our twin towns, these to include the Mayor and his partner, the Leader of the Council and his partner and the Twinning Chairman and his partner. The delegates would arrive on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March and depart on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March. It is possible that they may arrive at three different airports and at different times. Transport will be required. CANTA said that they were happy to part organise the weekend but would need a budget. Trevor would make enquiries from local hotels for prices. Trevor, Clive and Maurice said they would obtain menus' and prices from local restaurants'.

The councils' arrangements at present are :

Friday evening – dinner at the Civic

Saturday afternoon – Tatton Park

Saturday evening – A celebration evening at St. Michaels' church.

Sunday afternoon – Chester Cathedral

It was thought that CANTA would make arrangements to look after the delegates for meals and at times when there was no council itinerary.

Invitations would be sent out from the council and Maurice said he would chase this up.

### **SUMMER SCHOOL (CLIVE)**

Clive Mosby, Ann Jones, Peter Kent, Carol and Trevor Lightfoot met staff from MMU on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2008.

The Summer School is now a viable proposition and all being well will take place from 12<sup>th</sup> July – 19<sup>th</sup> July 2009. Accommodation and meals will be in Booth Hall, MMU. Transport will be provided by the university. The programme will consist of three hour lectures in the morning (English), visits to places of interest in the afternoon and then lectures in the evening to include topics of interest.

CANTA members will be asked to help on trips out.

To keep the costs down it was thought that the trips out should be kept local and Lucy Johnson from the Tourist Information would be asked for her input.

### **TWINNING ACTIVITIES**

We still haven't heard from the folk group from Macon, Carol will get in touch via the twinning association.

A request from a student in Macon has been received for a work placement and accommodation this summer.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

A letter of resignation from the CANTA committee has been received from Joyce West.

Joyce wishes to pursue her interests in helping young persons in the area.

We wish Joyce all the best in her venture and hope that she will remain a member of CANTA as her expertise in the past has been invaluable especially when a 'French Interpreter' has been required.

### **AOB**

With the end of Crewe and Nantwich Borough Council, Peter expressed his concern as to where twinning is going. He feels that we need some official involvement and is worried that CANTA will be cut off when we go into East Cheshire. We need to know what and where our budget will come from. We need to advertise where our money has been spent. We don't appear to be making any strong bid for the future. We need to justify to East Cheshire what

we are about. It was decided that Peter and Clive draft a promotional document which can be forwarded on to relevant recipients.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm