

**CREWE AND NANTWICH TWINNING ASSOCIATION
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY 7TH JULY 2009 @ 7PM
HOME OF ANN AND MAURICE JONES
32 HOLLYBUSH CRESCENT
WILLASTON**

APOLOGIES

Cllr. Betty Howells, Cliff Walker, Barbara and John Colbert, Rosemary Tremper.

PRESENT

Clive Mosby (Chair), Maurice and Ann Jones, Lindsay and Wendy Johns, John and Jill Oakes,
Ray Stafford, Peter Kay, Trevor and Carol Lightfoot.

Clive opened the meeting by congratulating Ray in being honoured with an MBE achieved through all the charitable work he has and still contributes to. The committee all added their congratulations.

A request to co-opt Jill and John Oakes and Mick Roberts to the committee was put to the vote. The committee agreed to the proposal and welcomed the named members to the committee.

MATTERS ARISING FROM JUNE 2009 MEETING FOLLOWING AGM

Jill and John Oakes and Ann Roberts were not at this meeting as stated.

The finance report should have read:

Current Account - £2,258 09p and Unpaid cheques £116, 83p.

The remaining minutes were agreed to be correct.

FINANCE AND MEMBERSHIP REPORT (WENDY)

Statement 53 – Current Account - £2156. 36p

Transfer from Current account into Deposit Account - £500

Deposit Account to date - £6613. 66p

A cheque for £300 has been received from Margery Mayman from donations received in memory of her husband John.

Kingsgrove High School have expressed an interest in becoming Corporate Members.

Wendy has asked permission to keep £50 cash in hand to use as a float when attending functions to promote CANTA. It is usual for the members to have a stall with various games of chance where for a small sum prizes can be won.

It was suggested that CANTA apply for a MAKRO card.

Wendy is to approach Cheshire East re the grant previously received from CNBC annually.

WEBSITE (PETER)

Viewing of the site has dropped by a third. Peter suggests we need more input.

Again Peter has asked for photographs from recent events especially the end of CNBC weekend.

Ann and Maurice will send an article on the recent promotion of CANTA at Kingsgrove Schools' Summer Fair.

Carol and Trevor will write an article on the visit of the Agricultural Engineering Students from Macon.

Macon have used the website and published items from it for their twinning activities.

Michael Leeds has been in touch from his home in France, it was suggested that he might like to use the web site to promote his B&B.

SOCIAL

Cliff has sent his apologies but has sent out a newsletter regarding future events.

The choir concert is scheduled to go ahead on Saturday 25th July at St. Michaels Church, tickets are on sale at £5 each.

A 'Line dance' evening has been organised at Willaston Club on Friday 2nd October.

The committee expressed their concern that the Hoe Down to be held on Friday, January 8th 2010 had been booked before the Social Committee had had a meeting to discuss this and that the cost of £12 they thought was too dear especially as the date of the function was so soon after Christmas and New Year.

Maurice suggested that due to the success of the stall which CANTA had at Kingsgrove School Summer Fair, perhaps we should have a stall at Nantwich Show and at the Carnival. Maurice said he would look into this depending on volunteers to man the stalls.

TWINNING ACTIVITIES (CLIVE)

Thanks were given to all who helped promote CANTA by running a stall at Kingsgrove School Summer Fair.

Wybunbury Delves C of E School have approached Trevor regarding twinning. It was thought that as the children were only primary school age that a form of email twinning would be an idea. Carol to write to Macon and Bischofsheim and ask of the feasibility.

Thanks to Carol and Trevor for hosting a French student from MMU for the weekend.

The photographic exhibition to take place in Macon in November has been circulated to various photographic societies in the Crewe and Nantwich area and Peter will advertise it on the website.

The Mayor of Cheshire East Cllr. Margaret Simon welcomed a party of Agricultural Engineering Students from Macon today Tuesday 7th July 2009. CANTA organised a day around Crewe and Nantwich for them, this included meeting the Mayor at the Municipal Buildings, a conducted tour of the Heritage Centre and workshops followed by a Fish and Chip Dinner at Les's Fish Restaurant. In the afternoon the group were taken to Nantwich where Rotary members took them on a guided tour of Nantwich and finishing at the Museum. Thanks were given to all who organised and helped during the day.

Maurice suggested that a donation of £50 be given to both the Heritage Centre and the Crewe and Nantwich Weaver Rotary.

AOB

Clive has been asked to give a talk about CANTA and twinning to the French Circle in September, if anyone is interested in supporting him please let him know.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter has been received thanking all who sent cards, letters and donations from Margery, also thanking everyone who attended the service at St. Michael's Church to remember John's life.

An email has been received from Peter Shields from the Crewe Fire Service showing an interest in becoming a Corporate member and for someone from the fire service to attend our monthly meetings.

Ray mentioned that a tree had been planted in Macon Meadows to commemorate the opening of Macon Way and was querying whether there was a plaque which should have been with the tree. Carol said she would contact Peter Kent as he may possibly know.

Ann Roberts suggested some time ago that CANTA should purchase a plaque to be put on the signpost stating how and when it was donated.

Maurice said he would look into this.

The meeting was brought to a close at 9.15pm.