

**CREWE AND NANTWICH TWINNING ASSOCIATION
MINUTES FROM COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY 4TH MARCH 2009 @ 7PM
EAST COMMITTEE ROOM
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS
EARLE STREET
CREWE**

APOLOGIES

Cliff Walker, Rosemary Tremper, Ann and Maurice Jones, John Colbert.

PRESENT

Clive Mosby (Chair), Cllr. Ray Stafford, Wendy and Lindsay Johns, Ann Roberts, Peter Kay, Barbara Colbert, Trevor and Carol Lightfoot.

MATTERS ARISING FROM FEBRUARY 2009 MEETING

The twinning information document formulated by Peter Kay was discussed at the last meeting but was omitted from the minutes.

Many questions have been asked, when we go over to East Cheshire will CANTA still exist? How will we be funded? And will we have a link with the new Council.

This document has been attached to the minutes for all members to read and if any queries to pass them on to the Secretary.

TREASURERS AND MEMBERSHIP REPORT (WENDY)

Wendy has formulated a letter to go out to all persons on the membership list advising them of an increase in the membership fee as from 1st April 2009 plus a mandate form. She has sent the letter to Clive for his approval before sending this out.

Ray asked what the membership is. On record there should be 64 single members, 1 family membership and 5 corporate members, out of these there are 36 paid up members and 2 paid up corporate members. For this last year the membership fees are £240 but if all members had continued to pay their fee it should be £480.

Finance statement to date:

Current Account - £2,488 – 79p

Deposit Account - £6,112 – 21p

Total £ 8,600 – 00p

The deposit account has made just £42 interest last month.

WEB SITE (PETER)

Trevor still not sent Macon photos'

It was suggested that the 'Twinning Document' be put on the web site.

As from next month, Ann and Maurice Jones, Ann Roberts and Ray Stafford would no longer have a computer. Until they are sorted then all correspondence will be by post.

SOCIAL

The hoe down made a profit of £108 – 92p.

The dinner at the Hunters Lodge was excellent and the choice of menu was enjoyed by all who attended. The cost of the meal was £19 and not £15, members who attended were asked if they agreed to pay the extra, all agreed. The secretary is to send a letter of thanks to the Hunters lodge.

Cliff has provisionally put two dates in his diary for a concert at St Michaels Church. They are Saturday 19th and Saturday 26th September. The concert is to include the Crewe Male Voice Choir and the Coop Brass Band. The committee thought that the best date would be 26th September. The secretary will let Rosemary know so that she can write to the Vicar at St. Michaels.

Rosemary has expressed her thanks to the committee for the flowers sent to her during her recent illness.

END OF CREWE AND NANTWICH WEEKEND

Clive, Trevor and Carol have had a meeting with David Marren and Mary Slinn from CNBC. The provisional programme is that all delegates will arrive on Friday 27th March and with the exception of three delegates from Bischofsheim who are being hosted, all will be staying at the Ramada 'Encore' Hotel.

All delegates plus hosts have tickets to attend the 'Town and Gown' evening at the Civic Hall, Nantwich on Friday night.

Saturday 28th, it has been suggested that the delegates and CANTA members go into Crewe on Saturday morning to possibly unveil the sign post giving mileage to the twin towns and then visit the Lyceum Theatre for coffee and a tour of the theatre. This to be followed by a visit to the Farmers Market in Nantwich. It was then suggested that there would be lunch at the 'Residence Restaurant', followed by a visit to Tatton Park. In the evening all guests would attend a service of thanksgiving at St. Michaels Church followed by dinner at the Ramada 'Encore' Hotel.

On Sunday 30th the guests would be taken to Chester, which will involve a boat trip, lunch at ? the Red House Restaurant and the onto the Cathedral to take part in a service to commemorate 120 years of Cheshire County Council. In the evening it is proposed to have dinner at Crewe Hall.

Monday 30th, all delegates will depart.

A discussion took place as to whether the members wishing to take part in the weekend have the cost of the meals subsidised as an incentive to become more active within CANTA.

Barbara thought that all should pay their way. Peter thought that it was reasonable to pay for the members who have worked to put the weekend together and also those members who will facilitate at the events. It was decided to await the outcome of the responses and then subsidise within the budget allocation.

It was decided to put the provisional programme out to all members asking if anyone would be interested in joining in any of the events and meals. Provisional cost of meals would also be included in the programme. It was decided that the RSVP should be Tuesday 18th March. Some members had already requested tickets for the Service of Remembrance at St. Michaels Church. Mary Slinn told us that 36 tickets had been put on one side for the Chester Cathedral Service.

The Mayor was to be asked what gifts were to be given to the delegates from CNBC. CANTA would also look at what gifts they could give to the delegates.

SUMMER SCHOOL

Arrangements are still ongoing between CANTA and MMU. The next meeting will be in early April.

CORRESPONDENCE

A provisional programme has been received from Macon regarding their Summer School and this will be sent out to members, schools and the French Circle.

A request has been received from Villanueva de Canada, 30 kilometres north of Madrid, requesting we twin. The committee decided to put this on hold at present.

A request has been received from Macon to give a family of four youngsters work placements during the summer, they wish to stay with families. It was decided to send this mail out to all CANTA members and schools.

Clive has received a questionnaire from Dzierzoniow asking how they rated as a partnership town.

AOB

None

The meeting closed at 9pm.