

**CREWE AND NANTWICH TWINNING ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES FROM COMMITTEE MEETING  
WEDNESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2009 @ 7PM  
EAST COMMITTEE ROOM  
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS  
EARLE STREET  
CREWE**

**APOLOGIES**

Clive Mosby (Chair), Lindsay and Wendy Johns, John Colbert,  
Cllr. Betty Howells (Cllr. Responsible for twinning)

**PRESENT**

Maurice Jones (Chair), Ray Stafford, Cliff Walker, Ann Roberts, Ann Jones, Rosemary Tremper, Peter Kay, Barbara Colbert, Trevor and Carol Lightfoot

**MATTERS ARISING FROM APRIL 2009 MINUTES**

No matters arising

**TREASURERS AND MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

Wendy has sent her apologies for absence and informed the meeting by email:

The matters arising from the March meeting, the balance presented to the meeting which agrees with the last bank statement no. 49 should read £2,748.79. However there were outstanding unrepresented cheques which totalled £400.02 which would have left an actual balance of £2,348.77

The April statement is:

Statement 50 is showing a balance of £2,563.97 however unrepresented cheques of

£ 581.64 are still to be accounted for,  
this leaves an actual balance of £1982.33

Expenses for the devolution weekend:

Gifts for delegates – Tea towels etc £33.00

Chocolates £56.50

Cheese £57.50

Whiskey x 3 £93.82

Sub total £239.82

Hospitality - Ramada \* £150.20

Civic £ 51.00

Ramada Sat/Sun £ 80.05

Ramada meeting £ 11.25

Red House and Ramada £549.63

Total paid by CANTA £789.45

\*We are still in discussion with Ramada concerning a refund of our overcharge for meals served on Friday when guests arrived £59.40 this should be charged to CNBC and hopefully will be resolved by next meeting.

The membership list .

This is slowly taking form but still waiting for some DD forms to come in, these should show on the next statement.

At present we have 30 confirmed members who have paid new subs. And for which I have received confirmation by bank statement. The scout federation have sent a cheque for £10 corporate membership, I am chasing the missing £30 needed for them to become members.

### **WEB SITE (PETER)**

Peter has put the CANTA statement on the web site.

Still needs pictures for the photo gallery of the visit to Macon to plant the roses.

### **SOCIAL (ROSEMARY and CLIFF)**

The Crewe Male Voice Choir along with the Normid 2000 band. The concert has been arranged for Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2009 at St. Michael's Church. The cost to use the church is £70, Cliff will find out if there is a cost for the band. The tickets will be on sale at £5. The committee decided to hold a raffle on the evening. Ann Jones will sort out tickets and posters. Peter will advertise the evening on the web site. All agreed that we need to start and advertise the evening as soon as possible due to the concert being in July and also part of the holiday season.

A Line Dance has been arranged for Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>. October 2009 to take place at the Willaston Working Men's Club. CANTA will supply the refreshments. It was thought that the cost of a ticket would be £5. It is anticipated that we have another Hoe Down early next year.

### **SUMMER SCHOOL (TREVOR)**

The committee was handed the provisional programme (attached) and asked for their comments. All thought it was a good and full programme but also thought that it was too busy and tiring and thought the students should have more free time. It was therefore decided to have a meeting to discuss the programme and make changes where necessary. The meeting was to be on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30pm at Trevor's, all committee members were invited. A meeting would then be organised with participating staff from MMU to hopefully finalise the programme. An e mail has been received from Macon stating that there are only four persons at present interested in attending the summer school. It was decided to extend the closing date until the end of May. It was also suggested that perhaps we open the course up to Bischofsheim and Dzierzoniow.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

A letter with an accompanying cheque for £500 has been received from the Mayor's Appeal 2007 – 2008. The then Mayor, Cllr. Maurice Jones

wished that smaller local charities and organisations should benefit from his charity appeal. This is gratefully accepted and the committee thanked him personally. A letter of thanks has been sent.

An email has been sent by Wendy, she has been contacted by the Secretary of Le Cerclefrançais asking if anybody is prepared to go along to their group and give a 'short' talk on CANTA. Unfortunately we do not know which French group this is, so we can't respond. Can Wendy please help.

Information has been received from Macon regarding a photographic exhibition. The Macon Photo Club is celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in November 2009 and wishes to invite its twin towns to the exhibition which will be held from 8<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> November. Details of the exhibition have been sent out to Nantwich and Crewe Photographic Society's, both of which are showing great interest. Rosemary suggested that perhaps the photography section of the U3A might be interested and she would get a contact.

A copy of a letter sent to the Leaders of East Cheshire Council, The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor and The Chief Executive has been received from The Mayor and The Leader of the Council of Bischofsheim regarding the strong twinning links between the two towns (letter attached).

Cards of thanks and appreciation for a wonderful 'End of Crewe and Nantwich Weekend' have been received from Margery Mayman and Cllr. Rachel Bailey.

### **AOB**

Peter expressed his concern regarding the future of CANTA. Because of the new boundaries within East Cheshire he thought we should be looking at the Constitution. This is on the agenda for the AGM.

Concern was also expressed that since the removal of the Crewe and Nantwich Borough signs from the boundaries of the old borough the twinning signs have also been removed. Crewe and Nantwich are proud of 52 years twinning with Macon and 18 years with Bischofsheim. The committee have asked if the twinning signs can be put back. Also asked, would the grant that had been given to us by CNBC be honoured by Cheshire East Council.

It was also suggested that we need to express our concerns by letter to the Chief Executive and the Portfolio holder for highways.

The meeting was brought to a close at 8.50pm.