

**CREWE AND NANTWICH TWINNING ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING  
TUESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER 2009 @ 7PM  
COMMITTEE ROOM THREE  
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS  
EARLE STREET  
CREWE**

**APOLOGIES**

Cliff Walker, Mick Roberts, Lindsay Johns, Barbara Colbert

**PRESENT**

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

Clive made welcome Cllr. Betty Howells who is the representative for twinning on Cheshire East Council.

**MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING FROM AUGUST MEETING**

Thank you letters still to go to Crewe Male Voice Choir and Normid 2000 Band as addresses of who to send them to are not known but Carol will get them and send them out before the next meeting.

Cllr. Betty Howells stated that she had volunteered to become the representative for twinning. She said she would also investigate as to why the letter from Bischofsheim to the Chief Executive of Cheshire East had not been received, as Dietmar Zaia in Bischofsheim had queried why he had not had a reply.

**TREASURERS AND MEMBERSHIP REPORT (WENDY)**

The current account shows an actual balance of £2174. 09

The deposit account shows a balance of £6914. 09

The CANTA stall at the Carnival made £46. 15

The cost of sweets for the 'Spin and Win' and 'Golf' games cost £91. 20, but the sweets bought have a long sell by date and will be used for future events.

Clive thanked everyone who helped at the Carnival.

**MEMBERSHIP**

The balance for corporate membership has now been received from the Scouts and Crewe Male Voice choir.

Nantwich Band has resigned as corporate members.

Some members asked if £40 was too high a fee to pay to become a corporate member. It was decided to leave this item and put for discussion at the next AGM.

Concern was expressed that CANTA has not received this years' funding from Cheshire East Council, Cllr. Betty Howells will chase this up.

**WEBSITE (PETER)**

Peter continues to receive news items and photos' for the site.

The mandate on the web is the old one and this needs updating, Carol will send him the updated one.

Peter has received a favourable response from Michael Leeds.

## SOCIAL

At the last meeting it was decided to form a new social sub-committee. The members thought that it might be an idea to open this to all CANTA members. The secretary was asked to send each member a letter inviting them to become involved in the social side of CANTA. It was also suggested that in the same letter members be asked for their interest in helping to organise the proposed Summer School in 2010. Each member would be sent a letter with a reply date by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2009.

Social activities are:

A Line Dance on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2009 at Willaston Club, members £4, non members£6, refreshments included.

A Hoe Down on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2010.

## TWINNING ACTIVITIES

The Guy Harvey group are hoping to resume their links with Dzierzoniow in the near future. A reminder has been sent out to the local Photographic Societies regarding the Photographic Exhibition at Macon in November 2009.

Some committee members wondered if the 50 'Macon Rouge' roses donated to the town of Macon to celebrate 50 years of twinning are now established in the flower borders on the 'Quai Le Martine. Carol was asked to write to Francoise and ask if a photograph could be sent to put on the website.

Once the schools are back after the Summer holidays we will pursue the request from Wybunbury Delves Primary School to 'Email Twin' with schools from our twin towns.

## CORRESPONDENCE

An email has been received from Peter Kent regarding the implications of twinning. If the proposal from Cheshire East Council that Crewe be split into four Parishes rather than the possibility of a Crewe Town Council it is possible that Cheshire East will be looking to devolve grants to organisations such as CANTA. Clive said do we as a body want to express an opinion on this issue. Trevor said that the issue was that is Cheshire East going to support us.

## AOB

A sub – committee was formed to look at and recommend any changes to the constitution, this would then be put on the agenda at the next AGM.

Carol would look at setting up a data base of organisations but asked for help from other committee members.

At the Choir Concert a spokesperson for the Normid 2000 Band expressed an interest in going to Bischofsheim to perform. Maurice said he would contact Bischofsheim and ask for a selection of dates. In the meantime we need to get a contact from the band who we can liaise with.

Clive mentioned that there had been a Cheshire East Council Meeting on July 19<sup>th</sup> in which an item on the agenda was to do with twinning. He said that he was disappointed that as the only active twinning organisation in Cheshire East we were not consulted about this item.

The meeting was brought to a close at 8.55pm.