

**CREWE AND NANTWICH TWINNING ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES FROM COMMITTEE MEETING  
TUESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2010 @ 7PM  
WEST COMMITTEE ROOM  
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS  
EARLE STREET  
CREWE**

**PRESENTATION OF CHEQUE TO NORMID 2000 BRASS BAND**

Prior to the meeting Clive (Chairman of CANTA) along with committee members and members of Normid 2000 Brass Band assembled in the Mayor's Parlour. Clive presented the band with a cheque for £1,500 to help fund their trip to our twin town of Bischofsheim this month. Along with the Accordion Band of Bischofsheim they will be taking part in a concert in the town.

**APOLOGIES**

Wendy and Lindsay Johns, Mick Roberts, Ray Stafford, Jill and John Oakes, Cllr. Betty Howell, Maurice Jones.

**PRESENT**

Clive Mosby (Chair), Ann Jones, John and Barbara Colbert, David Hollinshead, Peter Kay, Trevor and Carol Lightfoot.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF MARCH 2010 MEETING**

Regarding the scouts visit to Poland David said that as yet there was very little progress being made. It was suggested that perhaps he get in touch with Basia our English speaking link in Dzierzoniow.

All agreed that the minutes were a true and correct record of the meeting and any other matters arising would be discussed in the relevant items on the agenda.

**TREASURERS' AND MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

Wendy had sent her apologies. The finance sheet for the month was distributed:

The current account shows an actual balance of £1,562. 85

The deposit account shows an actual balance of £11,916. 21

In an email sent to the secretary prior to the meeting Wendy said that she hoped that members who still had not cancelled their old direct debits had now done so.

**WEBSITE (PETER)**

Tom Pilkington originally from Crewe and now living in Macon, has joined the Twinning Association of Macon and is keeping us up to date with all the local news from Macon. He also twinned back in the sixties and has supplied us via the website memories of the past with photographs.

**SOCIAL (CAROL)**

As discussed at the last meeting all social activities are on hold due to lack of interest from the members.

## **TWINNING ACTIVITIES (CLIVE AND TREVOR)**

Trip to Dzierzoniow to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of twinning with Bischofsheim. Basia has telephoned asking if two more persons could go to the celebrations as Cheshire East were not being represented. An email was put out for a quick response on a first come first serve basis. David Marren and Joyce West will now be going to Dzierzoniow with Clive and Jane Mosby and Mick and Ann Roberts.

Trip to Bischofsheim to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of twinning with Dzierzoniow. A draw took place with all the names of persons wishing to attend put into a hat. Committee members to represent CANTA will be Clive and Jane, Wendy and Lindsay and Carol and Trevor.

It was suggested that a gift from CANTA should be given to the Mayor's of both Bischofsheim and Dzierzoniow at each of the celebrations. Trevor suggested framed prints of Crewe and Nantwich. All agreed that this was a good idea and Trevor said he would do his best to purchase them in time.

Trevor said that the email put out asking the original people who had expressed an interest in visiting Germany and then the Kerb Festival in Bischofsheim in August were still interested, only eight persons were now interested. The feeling was that it was too expensive. It was therefore decided that the trip was unlikely to go ahead.

Ideas for a gift for the retirement of Pierre Joureau were many and with such short notice it was impossible for a representative from CANTA to attend his retirement. Clive was to send a letter on behalf of CANTA with a promise that when anyone visited Macon they would meet him and make a presentation then.

There is one week left until the closing date of persons showing interest to attend the summer school. When we know how many wish to participate then we need to make a decision whether it is to go ahead or not.

Wybunbury Delves Primary School have received the webcams and are in the process of setting them up. They are at present waiting for their counterpart in Macon to purchase their webcams. In the mean time both schools are working on gathering materials together to share.

Carol was asked to get in touch to arrange a visit to the school so as to promote the purchase of the webcams and email twinning.

We still have had no reply from Cheshire East regarding twinning. They were asked for a response to our letters by today 6<sup>th</sup> April, in readiness for our meeting. Clive has also written and asked for a meeting but still has had no response.

Peter would like to know what are our boundaries and do any other towns in Cheshire East have a twinning Association. If not do we widen our horizons and move the boundaries. It was decided that we need a meeting with Cllr. Brown the portfolio holder for twinning and possibly invite all twelve Councillors from the Crewe and Nantwich area who sit on Cheshire East Council. It was said that three of these Councillors are CANTA members and should be supporting us.

It was decided that we send an invitation to all twelve Councillors to our AGM on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2010.

Clive said that he will write up an annual report and send it to the councillors and also it will be put on the website.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

A letter has been received from Glynn Jones, Deputy Head at Sir William Stanier Secondary School. They are still anxious to twin with a school in Macon but as yet he has had no luck despite the list I supplied him with. However Françoise has since given me details of a school in Macon which should be ideal and I have passed over the contacts name and email address so that he can get in touch.

A letter of thanks has been received from Rosemary. She has just returned from France and is hopeful of renting an apartment near to her daughter. She would like to thank us again for the send off and the flowers and good wishes.

### **AOB**

Clive reminded everybody that if they were approached or asked for any information regarding twinning and/or CANTA that they go through the Secretary.

The meeting was brought to a close at 8.45pm