

**CREWE AND NANTWICH TWINNING ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING  
TUESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY 2010 @ 7PM  
EAST COMMITTEE ROOM  
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS  
EARLE STREET  
CREWE**

**APOLOGIES**

Peter Kent, David Marren, Maurice Jones, John Colbert.

**PRESENT**

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

**MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING FROM DECEMBER 2009 MEETING**

Apologies to Jill Oakes for spelling her name with a 'G'.

Request from Joyce West that minutes be posted to her as she no longer has email facilities.

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

**TREASURERS AND MEMBERSHIP REPORT (WENDY)**

The current account shows an actual balance of £1765.91

The deposit account shows an actual balance of £11915.74

The cheque for £5000 from Cheshire East Council has been received and as the figures show has been put in the deposit account.

Wendy would like to remind members who pay their subscription by direct debit that they have cancelled their old standing orders and made provision for their membership fee to be deducted from their account on the 1<sup>st</sup> April each year.

**WEBSITE (PETER)**

News items from Macon have been put on the website, the new road bridge over the Saone, the promotion of the Nouveau Beaujolais and the photographic competition. A reminder for anyone wanting to log onto the website is [www.canta.org.uk](http://www.canta.org.uk)

Anyone still interested in attending the summer school in Macon this year the programme can be found on the website.

**SOCIAL**

It is planned to hold a 'Skittles' evening at the Bickerton Poacher towards the end of April. Carol has sent out an email and letters to all members asking if they are interested. The closing date is 27<sup>th</sup> February 2010. This can then be discussed at the March meeting and hopefully enough

members and friends will have put their names down to take part and then the evening can be booked.

Rosemary Tremper who joined CANTA when it was first formed and has been an enthusiastic and helpful committee member, is leaving the area for pastures new. She is moving to France to be near her daughter and new grandson. It is proposed to hold a leaving dinner for Rosemary on either Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February or Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February at the Waverley Hotel in Crewe. Ann will put emails and letters out asking who wants to go and what the cost will be.

### **TWINNING ACTIVITIES**

Wybunbury Delves Primary School have informed us that they have successfully twinned via email with a similar school in Macon. They are asking if CANTA can help by funding webcams for four classes so that they can communicate directly both visually and orally. Wendy had been in touch with Wybunbury Delves and thought that the webcams could cost approx. £60 each. Carol proposed that CANTA purchase four webcams for the school, this was seconded by Ann and the committee agreed. Wendy would write to the school and organise the purchase of the webcams. Once purchased it was thought that CANTA and the school could benefit from some publicity in the local press.

The assistant headmaster from the Sir William Stanier Secondary School in Crewe has contacted CANTA asking for details of schools in Macon who would be interested in twinning. Carol has sent him names of schools in Macon who have shown interest in twinning with schools in Crewe and Nantwich.

A letter has been received from Dzierzoniow (Polish Scouts) inviting scouts from Crewe and Nantwich to two events to be held in Poland later this year. When programmes have been finalised they will forward them on to us.

A letter has been received from Bischofsheim (Dietmar).

To summarise:

1: East Cheshire Council.

After sending two letters in the past year asking about twinning. A reply was received on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2009. It says that the Council needs to do some kind of detailed review which will take some months to complete and they will contact us when they know more.

2: Visit of the Co - Op 200 Brass Band

Positive news. The band of 35 persons is to visit Bischofsheim to take part in a concert with the local accordion band. Concert to take place 23<sup>rd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> April 2010.

3: Arrangements are in progress for a party from CANTA to visit Germany including Bischofsheim for the Kerb Festival.

4: Crewe Male Voice Choir have also proposed that they visit Bischofsheim for the Kerb Festival.

5: School contacts.

There is a school Georg-Mangold Schule interested in email twinning. Gustav-Heinemann Schule want to know of the possibility of 10 boys and girls aged 17 years twinning with a school in Crewe and Nantwich and also some work experience.

The idea of Wendy Johns coming over with her guides and Peter with the fire cadets is still on our list.

The annual meeting of our twinning association is meeting on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2010.

**The above is a summary of Dietmar's email, anyone wishing to read the complete text please ask Carol and she will send it on.**

Clive has had a telephone call from Basia (Barbara) in Dzierzoniow concerned that we hadn't responded to an invitation sent to attend the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of their twinning with Bischofsheim. The celebrations are April 30<sup>th</sup> - May 4<sup>th</sup> 2010. Clive contacted The Mayor's secretary and asked for a copy of the invitation to be sent to him. When received it was noted that the invitation was sent on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2009. Members of the committee expressed their frustration as to the lack of response from Cheshire East regarding twinning matters.

Regarding the proposed trip to Germany this year August 31<sup>st</sup> - September 7<sup>th</sup>. Trevor is looking at flights to Frankfurt and looking for the best deals. He has spoken to Dietmar and asked if he can look at Hotels in or around Heidelberg and the cost of coach hire. Dietmar will get back to him.

### **SUMMER SCHOOL**

Trevor Brown from MMU has not come back to us with any costings for accommodation, conference facilities and mini bus hire. The January meeting was cancelled. Clive would contact Trevor B again and ask for an early response so that a meeting could be planned. All said that we should be advertising the Summer School now if it was to go ahead.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Christmas and New Year Greetings have been received from both twinning associations and Councils of Macon and Bischofsheim.

### **AOB**

None

The meeting was brought to a close at 8.25pm.

