

**CREWE AND NANTWICH TWINNING ASSOCIATION
COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY 6TH JULY 2010 @ 7PM
WEST COMMITTEE ROOM
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS
EARLE STREET
CREWE**

APOLOGIES

Dave Hollinshead, Maurice Jones, Peter Kay, Trevor Lightfoot, John Colbert.

PRESENT

Clive Mosby (Chair), Ray Stafford, Barbara Colbert, Jill and John Oakes, Mick Roberts, Wendy and Lindsay Johns, Ann Jones, Carol Lightfoot.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF JUNE 2010 MEETING

Apologies to Ann Jones who was present at the meeting but not listed as present.

Mick Roberts stated that he had been asked to be the representative for Crewe Male Voice Choir.

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

TREASURERS AND MEMBERS REPORT (WENDY)

An up to date balance sheet was handed out. The current account shows an actual balance of £1,454.74. The deposit account shows an actual balance of £11,917.43.

Concerning the account known as the Bernard Humbolt Trust, Wendy is waiting for a phone call from the Lloyd's TSB head office as to whether this can be in a separate account.

Wendy has transferred £1,000 from the deposit account into the current account to be used for payments etc. regarding the summer school, until all participants have paid in full.

CANTA has received payment in full from the Macon participants. The participants from Bischofsheim will pay the remainder of their course fees on arrival.

There are now 38 paid up CANTA members. At present no corporate group has renewed its' membership.

WEBSITE

Peter has sent his apologies, he will be away for the next two meetings, walking in France and then attending the Macon Summer School. We look forward to hearing his report when he gets back. He continues to keep the website up to date, the latest addition is a report from both Leighton Primary School and Wybunbury Delves Primary School. As always he looks forward to receiving news and photos from members.

TWINNING ACTIVITIES

An email has been received from Dietmar asking if we have yet thought about arrangements for celebrating the 20th Anniversary of Twinning with Bischofsheim.

This was discussed. It was felt that we should invite a delegation over from Bischofsheim around the 21st June 2011, as this was when the Twinning Charter was signed, also that the weather appears to be warmer at that time of year and the nights are longer. Not knowing what our financial position will be next year it was felt that we have to consider who we should be inviting and how many. Obviously there will be a large group from Bischofsheim. It was felt that perhaps we should invite a small group i.e. six persons from Dzierzoniow as they are twinned with Bischofsheim and always invite us to their celebrations. Regarding inviting a delegation from Macon the committee thought that perhaps we shouldn't invite them as when they celebrate a twinning anniversary they only invite that particular twin town, plus they don't have any links with Bischofsheim. Committee members were asked for any ideas of ways to celebrate/entertain our guests for the next meeting.

Clive, Ann J., Peter, Carol and Trevor accepted an invitation to Wybunbury Delves School on 15th June to take part in a live link up via the webcams provided by CANTA with a similar school in Macon. The children on both sides of the Channel were extremely excited and enthusiastic. The French children introduced themselves in English and the English children introduced themselves in French. We were also invited to take refreshments in the 'French Café', where the children had prepared a menu in French and asked us for our order in French. The Chronicle was there and a report and photo have appeared in the Nantwich Chronicle. If anyone has not seen the report it is on our website, www.canta.org.uk

The head of languages from Brine Leas High School was also present at Wybunbury Delves School and has expressed an interest in certain groups from Brine Leas, i.e. Music groups etc. twinning with likewise groups at a similar school in Macon.

SUMMER SCHOOL

The final draft programme is now complete also a list of volunteers. Replies from a previous letter inviting members to become involved with evening social events have been received. (Although by the time these minutes are distributed the Summer School will be over, however the programme is attached for information).

The organising group will meet later this week to discuss any last minute details.

An email has been received today to say that the Mayor of Crewe, Cllr. Jacqui Weatherall Will attend the welcome dinner at the Ramada 'Encore' on Sunday 11th July.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter has been received from the Headteacher, Edward McHugh from St. Thomas More Catholic High School regarding a vacancy for a part time language assistant for German. The post would commence in September and is for six hours a week, salary being on an unqualified teachers contract. If any member is or knows anyone who may be interested they can contact me or the details are on the website www.canta.org.uk

A letter has been received from M. Francois Sauzet, President of the Comite Jumelage in Macon. He is visiting his family in Birmingham in July and would like to arrange a meeting with the Chairman and CANTA Committee members to discuss the future of CANTA and the possible role that Cheshire East will play with regards to twinning. Clive will make arrangements.

An email has been received from Françoise Lindeperg wishing us well for our Summer School.

AOB

An email has been received from Cllr. Betty Howells saying that she is no longer the Council's representative on CANTA. She said that she was informed at a Council meeting and that the representative was now Cllr. John Jones. Since this email a further email has been received from Carol Jones in Democratic Services to say that there have been no changes to the Council's nominations to CANTA and that Cllr. Betty Howells remains the Council's representative.

With regards to the future of CANTA within Cheshire East. Clive has had a meeting with Paul Jones, Democratic Services Team Manager. He felt that the outcome of this meeting was positive, that Cheshire East wanted to continue to support us and that the budget/funding is still there. He suggested that we put together a plan with our aims and objectives. This would prove we have a reasonable case and we would be treated favourably. He suggested regarding funding that we do not aim too low and that rather than ask for funding annually we ask for a three yearly package. Our request he emphasised would not have to go to full Council to be approved but would go straight to the portfolio holder responsible for twinning. Regarding the current financial climate he said that the Civic side of twinning would not be emphasised. He stated that the present budget did not allow for the funding of Civic functions or visits whether by invitation or not of Civic Officials' to our twin towns.

The meeting was brought to close at 8.45pm