

**CREWE AND NANTWICH TWINNING ASSOCIATION  
OPEN MEETING  
TUESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> JUNE 2010 @ 7PM  
WEST COMMITTEE ROOM  
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS  
EARLE STREET  
CREWE**

**APOLOGIES**

Peter Kent, Lindsay and Wendy Johns, Ray Stafford, Maurice Jones, John Colbert.

**PRESENT**

Clive Mosby (chair), Jill and John Oakes, Mick Roberts, Barbara Colbert, Peter Kay, Dave Hollinshead, Jane Mosby, Trevor and Carol Lightfoot.

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

Clive thanked Maurice for taking the Chair at the May meeting.

In May 2010 correspondence a letter was received from Cliff Walker resigning as the representative for the Crewe Male Voice Choir. Carol said she had telephoned John Munks (Secretary) and he would ask for a representative at their next committee meeting.

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

**TREASURERS AND MEMBERS REPORT**

Wendy sent her apologies but sent an email of the present funding. The current account shows an actual balance of £1,483.74. The deposit account shows an actual balance of £11,916.62.

All deposits for the summer school have been received and banked.

Concerning the account known as the Bernard Humbolt Trust (£1,088.48). Wendy has a meeting with the TSB to hopefully put this into a separate account.

Regarding the membership. At present we have 29 paid up members. No membership has been received from our corporate members.

**WEBSITE (PETER)**

The home page of the website, Peter says he has 'juggled' it slightly, giving it a more headline style and leaving more space at the top of the page for transit news.

Peter says he is anxiously waiting for reports and photo's from members visits to both Dzierzoniow and Bischofsheim 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations.

**TWINNING ACTIVITIES**

Six members have recently returned from Dzierzoniow where they were involved in the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations of twinning with Bischofsheim. Clive(Chairman) and Jane Mosby Mick and Ann Roberts, Joyce West and David Marren represented CANTA. All the group members stayed with host families. A varied and exhausting weekend was experienced, from hiking in the mountains and crawling in caves. Mick stated that our Chairman is a man of many talents having learnt to do Russian dancing.

The Chairman of CANTA also laid flowers on behalf of Crewe and Nantwich on the new Memorial in Dzierzoniow on the National Day celebrating the anniversary of their

constitution, this was also in remembrance of the tragic death of the Polish President in a recent plane crash.

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Clive's speech at the official dinner on the Sunday night was in German and exceptional. Even the Germans were congratulating him.

Clive mentioned that 2011 marks the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of twinning with Bischofsheim and that we should be looking as to how we would celebrate the occasion. Ann stated that the Twinning Agreement was signed on the 21<sup>st</sup>. June.

#### School Reports

We are waiting for photo's and information from Leighton Primary and then an article can be put on the web.

Bessa Cador teacher from Wybunbury Delves has arranged for a group of us from CANTA to visit the school on 15<sup>th</sup> June and to take part in the link up with the school in Macon. The children have also arranged a 'French Cafe' where they will provide us with refreshments. The chronicle will also be recording the event.

#### **SUMMER SCHOOL**

The sub - committee have been busy. The programme is almost finished. Unfortunately the planned visit to Bentley will not go ahead as they are already booked up, so the committee were asked for ideas for the Friday morning. Mick said he would ask at Mornflake Oats, other ideas were the 'Secret Bunker', 'Helers Cheese' and Reaseheath.

The Ramada 'Encore' Hotel has been booked for the accommodation also the conference room at the hotel for the English lessons. Julie Smalley is the tutor who has a special interest in local history and culture. There has been little response from CANTA members wishing to volunteer to help during that week, however several committee members have volunteered to help.

It was suggested that once all the evening social events were organised and cost finalised, Carol would send an events list out to all members asking if they and a partner wished to attend. A response would be asked for in time for the July meeting.

Once the programme was finalised each member would receive a copy for reference.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

An email has been received from Rosemary.

Hi, Just to let you know that my house is now empty and I leave for France on 1<sup>st</sup> June. It all seems very strange. It may take a few weeks for all my belongings to turn up but at least I will be in France and warm.

South West Cheshire Scouts have asked for a donation towards them going to the 2011 World Jamboree in Sweden. After much discussion as to whether this was a twinning item or not it was decided that the scouts were from our area and we should be seen to be encouraging the youth of Crewe and Nantwich with regards to International Relations. Trevor proposed we donate £120 this was seconded by Peter, all but one committee member agreed. It was therefore decided to go ahead and present them with a cheque for £120.

A letter has been received from Francoise (Comite Jumelage) stating that teachers from schools and colleges in Macon are a little disappointed with the response from schools in our area wanting to twin. They say that the Sir William Stanier High School which gave us the impression that they were extremely keen to twin have not responded to their emails.

In response to this letter I have sent Francoise a list of all the high schools in our area with contact email addresses. She has replied and thanks me and will pass on this information to the schools in Macon.

The teachers in Macon have also suggested that they could organize a trip to Crewe and Nantwich and possibly stay with a host family so that they could have contact with the people and discover their way of life

### **AOB**

Dave was asked if there had been any progress made regarding the scouts visit to Dzierzoniow, but he said he had received no further information.

Regarding the progress of twinning and Cheshire East, Clive sent an email to all Councillors in the Crewe and Nantwich area with a copy to Erika Wenzel. In his letter he updated them of what CANTA is about and what is happening at present including our involvement with the Co – op Brass Band, schools, scouts and Guy Harvey youth club. He also expressed our disappointment to hear that there had been no response from Cheshire East following an invitation to go to Bischofsheim to participate in the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations with Dzierzoniow.

In his letter he states that despite numerous suggestions of meetings to discuss twinning there has been no response and it is still unclear as to the direction Cheshire East wishes to take.

Following this letter there have been two replies:

Cllr. Brickill - who opposes involvement particularly financial involvement by Cheshire East in twinning but believes in continuation of twinning by interested parties. He goes on to say that civic or formally organised friendship with specific towns seems rather superfluous.

Cllr. John Hammond suggests that with a view to the lack of response that we ask Erika Wenzel to look into this for us.

Trevor suggested that we still needed to know where the £12,000 was and we should ask again and quote the 'freedom of information act'.

An email has been received from Tom Pilkington (Macon). He says he is concerned for the future of CANTA and after a meeting with Madame Cervos (Deputy Mayor for Culture and Tourism) would like our thoughts on whether it would be an idea for him to write to Cheshire East Council. The view of the committee was that we should first seek the opinion of the Comite Jumelage and possibly speak to Madame Cervos when she attends our summer language school in July.

The meeting was brought to a close at 8.55pm