

**MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY 2ND MARCH 2010 @ 7PM
WEST COMMITTEE ROOM
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS
EARLE STREET CREWE**

**CREWE AND NANTWICH TWINNING ASSOCIATION
CREWE**

APOLOGIES

Ray Stafford, Cliff Walker, Maurice Jones, Cllr. Betty Howells, John Colbert.

PRESENT

Clive Mosby (Chair), Jill and John Oakes, Mick Roberts, Ann Jones, Peter Kay, Wendy and Lindsay Johns, Barbara Colbert, David Hollinshead, Trevor and Carol Lightfoot.

MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING FROM FEBRUARY 2010 OPEN MEETING

Apologies to Mick Roberts who was at the meeting but not marked down as present.

David reported that the 'Wilson House Scout Group' have shown an interest in going over to Poland probably in August of this year to attend a scout jamboree as guests of scouts from Dzierzoniow. He will keep us updated.

All agreed that the minutes were a true and correct record of the meeting and that any other 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 £1275.45

The deposit account shows an actual balance of £11915.84

Wybunbury Delves School have purchased four webcams via the internet from PC World at a total cost of £159.76. the purchase of these will be funded by CANTA. Carol to contact the school and make arrangements to publicise the purchase of the webcams.

Wendy stated that **some members have still not cancelled their old direct debits and made provision for their membership fee to be deducted from their account on the 1st April each year. PLEASE CHECK YOUR STATEMENTS.**

WEBSITE (PETER)

Peter thanked Wendy for the photographs of Rosemary's leaving dinner at the Waverley Hotel. The photo's and a report of the evening are to be found on the CANTA website www.canta.org.uk

SOCIAL (CAROL)

CANTA members said thank you and Bon Voyage to Rosemary at a dinner held at the Waverley Hotel on Friday 19th March. The meal was very enjoyable and the evening a great success. Clive thanked Rosemary for all her hard work in the past and presented her with flowers and wished her all the best for the future.

Only a few members have shown an interest in holding a 'Skittles and Bar B Q Evening' at the Bickerton Poacher in the Spring. This event will therefore not go ahead. It was thought that if there is enough interest from our twin towns and the Summer School goes ahead that this event could be incorporated in the programme. Due to lack of interest in any social event that is proposed it was decided to put any social functions on hold.

TWINNING ACTIVITIES

Regarding the invitation to take part in the 20th anniversary celebrations between Dzierzoniow and Bischofsheim between April 30th and May 4th 2010 in Dzierzoniow, CANTA will be represented by Clive Mosby (Chairman) and his wife Jane and Mick Roberts (Committee Member) and his wife Ann.

Peter said that CANTA should support CANTA members when attending official functions but Clive said that the committee had made a ruling in the past that CANTA members would finance themselves on such visits.

The committee all expressed their disappointment that there would be no one representing Cheshire East Council at the anniversary celebrations in Dzierzoniow. Carol was asked to send a letter to Cllr. Brian Silvester with copies to Cllr. Rachel Bailey and Cllr. Betty Howells, all members of CANTA, and ask how Cheshire East Council views the future of twinning. Also the question is to be asked as to what is to happen to the residue of money earmarked for twinning, £12,000. This was carried over from the demised Crewe and Nantwich Borough Council.

Trevor is still trying to get together details and costs for the proposed trip to Germany in August.

The Normid 2000 Brass Band has asked for financial support to help with the cost of their trip to play in Bischofsheim in April. Trevor proposed we give them £1,500 and Mick proposed £1,000. A vote was taken and was six votes for each amount. The Chairman was asked for a casting vote which went for £1,500. This was duly carried. Carol was to write to the band and arrange a presentation asking the local press to attend.

Summer School in Macon, up to now there are five members from the French Circle going.

The proposed English Summer School July 11th – July 18th 2010. No one has come back to us from MMU. It has therefore been decided that we go ahead and arrange this ourselves. The Ramada 'Encore, Hotel can offer all the facilities we require. The programme put together last year can be used with just a few alterations. Carol will write to Macon, Bischofsheim and Dzierzoniow informing them that to make the

course viable we need at least 20 participants. The cost will be £420 – single and £350 – twin/double (shared). We would like to know of what interest there will be by Friday 16th April.

An invitation has been received from the Burgermeister of Bischofsheim for six CANTA committee members to attend the 20th Anniversary with Dzierzoniow in Bischofsheim on 19th May – 24th May 2010. At the meeting several members said that they would like to be considered to represent CANTA these were Clive and Jane, Ann and Maurice, Mick and Ann, Wendy and Lindsay and Trevor and Carol. It was decided that Carol would put an email out and ask for an early response from all committee members. If more than six persons wished to go then names would be drawn out of a hat.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter has been received from the Comite Jumelage (Macon) announcing the retirement of the President of the Comite Jumelage, Pierre Joureau. He has been President for 33 years. The new President will be M. Francois Sauzet and the Vice President is M. Gino Cedia. Françoise Lindeperg remains Vice President of English Relations for Crewe and Nantwich.

It was thought that CANTA should send a gift for Pierre's retirement and Carol was asked to email Françoise and ask if there was to be an official presentation in Macon. She would also put out an email to the committee asking for suggestions for a gift.

AOB

Peter wanted to know what were the geographical boundaries of CANTA now that we were in the Borough of Cheshire East and not as our name suggests Crewe and Nantwich. He was happy that we extend our expertise into Cheshire East but would need help. He said we need clarification as to our future.

Clive suggested we all put down ideas for the next meeting and discuss this item then and perhaps we would have a reply from a meeting to be held by Cheshire East regarding twinning.

All meetings for next year have now been booked. They will be held as before on the first Tuesday of the month at 7pm – 9pm. The venue is in the East Committee Room, Municipal Buildings, Earle Street, Crewe.

The meeting was brought to a close at 8.45pm.