

**CREWE AND NANTWICH TWINNING ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES FROM COMMITTEE MEETING  
TUESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2010 @ 7PM  
WEST COMMITTEE ROOM  
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS  
EARLE STREET  
CREWE**

**APOLOGIES**

Clive Mosby, Mick Roberts, John and Barbara Colbert, Cllr. Betty Howells.

**PRESENT**

Maurice Jones (Chair), Ann Jones, Peter Kay, Lindsay and Wendy Johns, Ray Stafford, Jill and John Oakes, Trevor and Carol Lightfoot.

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

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

**TREASURERS AND MEMBERS REPORT (WENDY)**

The current account shows an actual balance of £337.85. This account is now minus £1500 given as a one off grant to the Co-op 2000 band to assist them with their recent successful trip to Bischofsheim.

The deposit account shows an actual balance of £11916.62.

At the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010 the membership shows twenty eight paid up members.

**WEBSITE (PETER)**

Peter is happy with how the website has progressed. The guest book is now running well. Tom Pilkington who now lives in Macon is keeping us up to date with news from Macon. Peter has altered the Home Page slightly to include a short history about Dzierzoniow. The annual payment to the sites' host has been paid. Peter is going to ask them of the possibility of increasing the megabytes due to the increased amount of photo's he is receiving.

**TWINNING ACTIVITIES (CAROL)**

Leighton Primary School has invited CANTA committee members to their planting of flowers and fruit trees on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 3.20pm. There will also be a friendship plaque to go with the trees and flowers this will be in four languages, French, German, Polish and English. This is an international initiative to promote twinning. The children at Leighton Primary School are already learning German and are anxious to email twin with a Primary School in Bischofsheim. Dietmar has the contact details of the school in Bischofsheim and Carol will pass them over to Andrea Price at Leighton Primary School. The children also want any literature we have available to tell them more about Bischofsheim.

Bessa Cador the French teacher at Wybunbury Delves is looking at dates and times for members of CANTA to visit and see the webcams purchased by CANTA being used. Bessa has also asking for any information/literature we can supply them with about Macon.

Sir William Stanier Secondary School has still to make contact with a similar school in Macon. Francoise has sent details of a school in Macon which is anxious to twin with a

school in Crewe and Nantwich. Carol has sent the contact details to the deputy head at Sir William Stanier School.

Dzierzoniow – Clive and Jane Mosby, Mick and Ann Roberts, Joyce West and David Marren are representing CANTA in Dzierzoniow who are celebrating 20 years of twinning with Bischofsheim.

Bischofsheim – Clive and Jane Mosby, Trevor and Carol Lightfoot and Lindsay and Wendy Johns will represent CANTA in Bischofsheim from May 19<sup>th</sup> – May 24<sup>th</sup> when they celebrate 20 years twinning with Dzierzoniow.

There have been three requests from students in Macon asking for summer work placements with accommodation in July and August. The committee felt that it was regrettable but we cannot help with these requests. In the past Crewe and Nantwich Borough Council have helped by providing work experience but it has always proved difficult to find families to accommodate the students especially over the summer months when most people are taking holidays. It was felt that until Cheshire East Council makes a decision as to what it decides regarding twinning then requests such as this must be put on hold. Carol will write to the Comite Jumelage at the Hotel de Ville and explain CANTA's decision.

Wendy is still looking into the possibility of taking a party of guides to Bischofsheim.

### **SUMMER SCHOOL (CAROL)**

An extraordinary committee meeting was held on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April to discuss whether to go ahead with the organisation of a summer school this year. There are ten interested participants, five from Macon and five from Bischofsheim plus one Polish youngster who is staying with his sister locally.

After much discussion it was decided to go ahead with the summer school as this could be used as a pilot with the hope that the persons attending would go back and generate interest for another year. The committee also decided that the summer school should only go ahead if commitment was shown from other CANTA members to help with this event and not leave it to the same few members to organise.

It was suggested that CANTA may have to subsidise some of the events organised.

A subcommittee was formed, Clive Mosby, Ann and Maurice Jones, Lindsay and Wendy Johns and Trevor and Carol Lightfoot. They met on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2010 and the draft programme previously drawn up was discussed.

The proposed dates are Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July – Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2010

The venue The Ramada 'Encore' Hotel, this will be used for accommodation, English lessons and some meals. Carol said that she would contact them and make a provisional booking.

Julie Smalley (Tutor) will also be contacted regarding dates, venue and mix of participants.

The cost including accommodation, meals, tuition fees, visits and transport while on the course £420 single and £350 twin/double shared.

Deposits of £100 per head would be asked for by May 7<sup>th</sup>. and the final payment by mid June. Trevor and Clive would look at the cost of hiring a Mini Bus.

The draft programme is attached.

Anyone who is willing to help and who is available during these dates are to contact Carol Lightfoot (Secretary) by Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2010.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

A letter has been received from Cliff Walker announcing his resignation from the committee due to being unable to attend the meetings on a Tuesday. As Cliff was the representative of the Crewe Male Voice Choir it was decided that Carol should write to John Monks, Secretary of the Male Voice Choir and ask him to nominate a representative.

David Hollinshead has passed on a letter from the South West Cheshire Scouts Fundraising Committee asking for help towards funding a group of scouts to attend the 22<sup>nd</sup> World Scout Jamboree in Sweden 2011. As David was not able to attend the meeting it was decided to defer the request.

#### **AOB**

It was noted that the next meeting June 1<sup>st</sup> 2010 is scheduled to be the Annual General Meeting. The constitution states that the Mayor of the Borough of Crewe and Nantwich shall be the President of the Twinning Association and preside at the AGM.

As there is no longer a Mayor of Crewe and Nantwich and since the demise of Crewe and Nantwich Borough Council the committee decided to postpone the AGM until we have the results of Cheshire East's long awaited review of twinning. The constitution states that an AGM should be held within eighteen months.

It was decided therefore that the next meeting should be an open meeting and all CANTA members are invited.

Wendy suggested that we should write a formal letter to Cheshire East Council asking for the continuation of an annual grant.

The meeting was brought a close at 8.25pm