

**CREWE AND NANTWICH TWINNING ASSOCIATION
COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2011 @ 7PM
CHIEF EXECUTIVES BOARD ROOM
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS
EARLE STREET
CREWE**

APOLOGIES

Ray Stafford

PRESENT

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

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Regarding NatWest Community Trust, Maurice said the amount should have read £6,000 not £5,000 as reported.

Regarding appointment of Janice Benn to the committee, Janice has decided that at present she has too many ongoing commitments and prefers to stay just as a member, but will help out as much as she is able.

Regarding the Humblot Trust, discussion about this to be deferred until we hear from Macon. Clive said that CANTA is guardian to this trust and we should try to honour its' original intention.

The committee agreed that that other than the accuracy of the NatWest money to be awarded to the winner the minutes were a true and correct record of the meeting.

TREASURER AND MEMBER'S REPORT (WENDY)

The current account shows an actual balance of	£4,241.69
The deposit account shows an actual balance of	£9,846.06
The Humblot Trust account shows an actual balance of	£1,088.89

The Summer School, total out £8,959.66

The Summer School, total in £8,875.93

There are still some payments to come in and some to go out. The shortfall at present is,
£83.73

Any member who wishes to see a copy of the completed statements please email the secretary.

There are 38 CANTA individual members and no corporate members.

Clive said he had received an email from Cheshire East inviting CANTA to apply for a grant for next year.

WEBSITE (PETER)

Summer School photo's are now on the website, also newspaper reports' from Bischofsheim announcing the success of the Summer School.

Peter said that he has investigated both 'Twitter' and 'Facebook' and feels that the website is more structured to our needs. He suggested that we look at Northwest Tonight facebook page

and that this would give us an idea of the setup. He suggested that at present we stay as we are and encourage people to use the website.

PUBLICITY

Ray has sent his apologies but has spoken to Trevor. He says that he has sent a report into the Chronicle about the Summer School but it has not been used. He has also submitted a report about the 20th Anniversary Trip to Bischofsheim. He said that the Chronicle appears to be very selective in what it prints.

20TH ANNIVERSARY VISIT TO BISCHOFSCHEIM

The final number going is twenty two. Unfortunately the teacher's from Leighton Primary School are not going due to the fact that the school in Bischofsheim is on half term holiday and the education department say that they will be not fulfilling the criteria as the children are not in school, despite arrangements having been made for them to visit the school and have a meeting with the teacher's in Bischofsheim. Leighton Primary has said it will reimburse us with the full cost of the air tickets.

It was decided that we should buy a gift for the Mayor from CANTA. Dietmar has spoken to Trevor and mentioned that the new Mayor likes to drink tea. It was suggested that we buy a china tea set. It was also suggested that it would be nice gesture to give the twinning association a gift but as like us they do not have a permanent base what do we give. It was suggested that perhaps we could provide a cheese course at the formal dinner on the Sunday. John C. said he had a contact at Heler's cheese and would ask about the possibility of a donation. Trevor said as he was travelling by car he would take it.

Clive said he has been asked to make a speech and Dietmar would like it beforehand so that he could get it translated.

Cllr. Silvester has emailed us to say that he has asked Cheshire East if they will send a certificate of good wishes or a small gift to mark the 20th Anniversary of Twinning.

Carol has received the Host list and the programme and has forwarded it onto all the participants. Travel arrangements have been finalised for those travelling by air as a group and Dietmar has made arrangements to meet them at Frankfurt Airport.

SUMMER SCHOOL 2011 (DEBRIEF)

The organising committee met on Friday 23rd September.

Clive has received all but one of the evaluation forms given to the participants. (For the member's not on the committee these are attached to the minutes).

There are very few negative reports and all say that the week was an overwhelming success. Particular praise was given to the organisers. The majority of the participants wanted to come again next year and the ones who attended last year said this year was better. An email from the Comite Jumelage in Macon is asking for dates next year so that they can advertise it and reports in the local paper in Bischofsheim have nothing but praise for the course. At the meeting it was said that despite asking member's for help in organising big events such as the summer school it was the same few people who put themselves forward and next year we will also be hosting the return visit from Bischofsheim to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of twinning. It was decided that we need to discuss before Christmas whether we can host both events next year and what dates are best. We also need commitment from members'.

CANTA THE WAY FORWARD (PETER)

Following on from the last meeting when in AOB Peter asked the question about the future of CANTA. Clive will ask Dietmar for his comments when we are in Bischofsheim and Peter will draft a letter to John Dunning at the Chamber of Commerce asking for his views about a link.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter has been received from Katy Brownbill from the Co op band. She says that arrangements are under way for the visit of the accordion band from Bischofsheim sometime in May, dates as yet not arranged. She is asking for a meeting when the dates are confirmed and is asking if we can offer any assistance when they visit.

The committee thought that as we have not yet decided on the dates for the return visit to celebrate the 20th anniversary we might be able to incorporate both visits and perhaps organise a concert of both bands.

Carol will write to Katy and ask for a meeting when the dates are confirmed.

The meeting was brought to a close at 8.30pm.