

**CREWE AND NANTWICH TWINNING ASSOCIATION
COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 2011 @ 7PM
WEST COMMITTEE ROOM
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS
EARLE STREET
CREWE**

APOLOGIES

Clive Mosby (Chair), Wendy and Lindsay Johns, Cllr.Roy Cartlidge

PRESENT

Maurice Jones (Vice Chair), Ann Jones, Ray Stafford, John and Jill Oakes, Dave Hollinshead, Peter Kay, John and Barbara Colbert, Trevor and Carol Lightfoot

Clive had sent his apologies therefore the meeting was chaired by Maurice (Vice Chairman)

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Any matters arising would be discussed from the agenda. The minutes were deemed a true and correct record of the meeting.

TREASURER AND MEMBER'S REPORT

Wendy sent her apologies but had emailed through a statement of accounts plus a record of accounts for the summer School which is not yet complete.

The current account shows an actual balance of - £3,979.43

The deposit account shows an actual balance of - £9,833.72

The Humblot Trust account stands at - £1,088.89

Total £14,902.04

There are various outgoings which will be shown in the September statement. The flight money to Bischofsheim has been paid by CANTA a total of £1,550.70 which equates to £172.30p each. The group member's will be notified of the cost and asked to pay direct to CANTA.

We have two new member's Irene and D. Booth.

Clive has sent information regarding the Humblot Trust. Looking into this briefly Crewe and Nantwich Borough Council released this money to CANTA when the twinning association was formed and there is a query as to whether it is a charitable trust anymore. Maurice thinks that there is an unwritten agreement that the money can be used either way, that is to benefit schoolchildren from both Macon and Crewe and Nantwich. It was suggested that we write to Macon and ask what they know of this trust and when we have information from them discuss the matter further.

WEBSITE (PETER)

Peter has started to put various items on the web regarding the summer School. There is a newspaper report from Bischofsheim and photographs. He also suggests that he write a statement as to why we put on the Summer School. Peter will investigate how we go about getting on facebook and using twitter.

PUBLICITY (RAY)

The Chronicle continues to advertise the CANTA meetings. The photographic competition in Macon has also been advertised on several occasions. It was suggested that the Chronicle should print an article about the Summer School on similar lines to the one featured in the Mainspitz paper sent by Walter Beck.

CAT Radio attended the Bar BQ held one evening for the Summer School. They interviewed Clive (Chairman, CANTA), Marie-Paule from Macon and Hans from Bischofsheim.

20TH ANNIVERSARY TRIP TO BISCHOFSSHEIM

The programme for the weekend and a list of hosts has been received. There are twenty four persons attending, of these nine are travelling in a group and have their flight details. The remainder are making their own travel arrangements either by car, train and air.

Members' were asked to think of what gift CANTA could take and ideas to be discussed at the next meeting.

SUMMER SCHOOL 2011 (POST MORTEM)

All present agreed that the Summer School had been a tremendous success and that the participants had been a good mix, very friendly and comfortable with one another. The comments received so far were all complimentary. All agreed it was extremely hard work organising such an event but well worthwhile.

John C. said the National Trust membership fee did not show in the summer school accounts but Maurice said it was showing in the general account because it was to be used over the year and would be used when we organised the 20th Anniversary visit next year.

It was felt that because three members' of the summer school committee were not at the meeting a post mortem of the summer school should be deferred and discussed at a time when all the group could be together and then report back at the October meeting. Friday 23rd September was proposed.

CORRESPONDENCE

Thank you letters from Consuelo, Marie-Paule and Hans all exclaiming what a success the summer school was.

A letter of thanks plus a box of wine to say thank you for all our hard work in organising such an excellent week from Gabi and Michael Bott.

A letter of congratulations from the Francoise, 'Comite Jumelage' for once again organising a successful summer school.

A letter from CANTA member Peter Kent, congratulating us on a successful summer school. Also Peter points out that the 'Humbolt Trust' is actually the 'Humblot Trust' set up in the name of Bernard Humblot who along with Louis Escande, then Mayor of Macon set up the original twinning agreement with Crewe.

AOB

JANICE BENN a fairly new CANTA member and who has been very active since joining CANTA has expressed a wish to be co opted onto the committee. Janice who speaks fluent French has been extremely helpful when the agricultural engineering students came from Macon, she acted as interpreter and again helped out with the summer school. It was put forward to the committee that Janice should be co opted onto the committee and all agreed. The decision was unanimous and Carol would write to her with the decision.

NATWEST COMMUNITY TRUST, Maurice had received the details and explained that he felt we should register an interest. This Maurice said he has gone ahead and done via the internet. He said that we met the criteria. He has received an acknowledgement of the application followed by an email saying 'congratulations your project has been approved'. He said we now need to put forward our profile. This has to be done fairly quickly and we need to be supported by other organisations. If we are successful we will benefit by £5,000 Maurice said that there were numerous questions asked and that he would circulate the application to us all so that we could peruse it and get back to him in readiness for the October meeting.

Peter asked the question about the future of CANTA and should we not be getting together with other groups/organisations to share our experiences. Perhaps contact the Chamber of Commerce and meet with small groups from businesses and explore what we have to offer. As time was against us Maurice suggested that we discuss this at the October meeting and to put this as an item on the agenda.

The meeting was brought to a close at 8.30pm