

**CREWE AND NANTWICH TWINNING ASSOCIATION
COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY 3RD JANUARY 2012 @ 7PM
WEST COMMITTEE ROOM
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS
EARLE STREET
CREWE**

APOLOGIES

Ann and Maurice Jones, Barbara and John Colbert.

PRESENT

Clive Mosby (Chair), Jill and John Oakes, Wendy and Lindsay Johns, Peter Kay, Cllr. Roy Cartlidge, Trevor and Carol Lightfoot,

MATTERS ARISING FROM NOVEMBER 2011 MEETING

December 2011 meeting cancelled due to apologies from majority of committee.

Clive has written to Cheshire East asking for funding but as yet has not received a reply. The request has been submitted before the deadline of January 12th 2012.

Clive and Peter have met with the Chamber of Commerce following our letter to them. The response was very prompt and very positive. Peter suggests that a copy of our letter be sent to both Bischofsheim and Macon.

Clive will be interviewed on 'Red Shift Radio' on their lunchtime European Show on 15th January.

Any other matters would be brought up from the agenda.

The Committee agreed that the minutes were a true and correct record of the meeting.

TREASURER AND MEMBER'S REPORT (WENDY)

The current account has an actual balance of £5,360.04

The deposit account has an actual balance of £9,835.04

The Humblot trust has a balance of £1,089.09

Regarding the Humblot Trust account, Francois Sauzet the President of the Comite Jumelage in Macon is investigating its history as we are still unsure as to how we can use this money.

We have 39 members and 1 corporate member.

Wendy said that we have one new member Mike O'Neill, Peter said that he would be an asset to CANTA as he speaks fluent French. Carol said that she would invite him along to our next committee meeting.

Carol reported the death of Graham Booth, CANTA member. Our condolences go to his widow Irene.

WEBSITE (PETER)

All photographs from the 20th anniversary in Bischofsheim are now on the website. Once some technical difficulties have been solved Peter will be able to put on material from the first twinning years between Bischofsheim and Crewe and Nantwich which have been kindly donated to us by Gertude Berg.

Bischofsheim have praised Peter for the excellent work, time and effort he puts in to keep our website so interesting.

PUBLICITY

Peter and Carol had managed to get a report and photographs about the 20th Anniversary visit to Bischofsheim in the Chronicle.

CO-OP BRASS (CLIVE)

Following on from the meeting with the Co-op Brass committee, we are awaiting a response from the Ramada 'Encore' regarding the cost of accommodation. As Maurice had sent his apologies we were unsure as to whether he had contacted the Mayor regarding a reception at the Municipal Buildings, however the Mayor, Cllr. Roy Cartlidge who was at the committee meeting said that we could communicate directly with Tony Lee the secretary to the Charter Trust. He also suggested we contact Elaine Dodd the Park Manager regarding them giving a concert in the Park.

It was decided that a further meeting with the bands committee be arranged before the next CANTA committee meeting. The committee agreed that CANTA would support one of the events planned for the weekend financially.

EXTRA-ORDINARY COMMITTEE MEETING 13TH DECEMBER

Present – Clive, Peter, Maurice and Ann, Jill and John, Trevor and Carol.

Clive, Trevor and Carol met with the organisers of the **NANTWICH FOOD FESTIVAL** which is to be held on 14th, 15th and 16th September 2012. It was suggested that perhaps small local food/wine businesses from our twin towns might be interested in taking part. The organisers said that their stalls could be sponsored and subsidised by them and that CANTA would find them accommodation. Carol has contacted both Macon and Bischofsheim with these dates and will send details as soon as they are available.

It was decided to go ahead with the **ENGLISH LANGUAGE SUMMER SCHOOL**, the dates decided are Sunday 22nd – Sunday 29th July 2012. This would incorporate the Nantwich Show. Carol had informed both Macon and Bischofsheim of these dates.

Unfortunately the group could not discuss **THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY RETURN VISIT** as all dates we could offer were not suitable for Bischofsheim as the Mayor of Bischofsheim had prior engagements. Cllr. Roy Cartlidge suggested that perhaps we hold back choosing a date as it is a very busy year next year. Crewe, the Railway and the MMU all have anniversaries, it is the Queens Diamond Jubilee and also the Olympic Torch will go through Crewe. He suggested that perhaps our twinning anniversary could be incorporated with one of these events.

HERITAGE CENTRE AND CREWE, VIRGINIA

Cllr. Roy Cartlidge said that the next meeting was to be held on 21st January, this was to discuss various events in Crewe mentioned above. Trevor said he would go along and represent CANTA.

Roy said that he would also write to the Mayor of Crewe in Virginia.

CORRESPONDENCE

Several cards and emails have been received from both Macon and Bischofsheim sending all CANTA members good wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

An email from Françoise has been received saying that she has advertised our Summer School but would like to know how much it will cost. The Summer school in Macon is on the 14th July for one week and she will send details as soon as they are available. She also asks if we know of anyone who has a 15 year old who would consider an exchange for three weeks with a 15 year old girl from Macon.

An email has been received telling us that the Town Council in Macon is organising ‘‘Une semaine bleu’ for dedicated elderly people during the third week in October. Francoise will send more details when she has them. Also the Lycee Lamartine has requested to set up an exchange with a similar School/College in our area who specialises in modern languages.

AOB

None

The meeting was brought to a close at 8.15pm