

## CREWE AND NANTWICH TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2017 in the West Committee Room, Municipal Buildings.

1. PRESENT

C. Mosby (Chairman) P Minshall; M Jones; T Carnwath; P Kay; R Stafford; L Johns; W Johns; C Jones

2. APOLOGIES

T Lightfoot; Jill Oakes; John Oakes; H Marr;

The Minutes of the last meeting were accepted.

3. MATTERS ARISING

A report of the visit of the Fire Cadets to Bischofsheim has been received.

4. TREASURER AND MEMBERS'REPORT (circulated)

There has been a need to transfer money across from the deposit to the current account. All bills for the Macon visit have now been paid. The cost to CANTA was £1,121.21 very reasonable and leaving us with funds. There are now 44 individual and 2 corporate members. Confirmation has finally been received from Cheshire East that the use of the Municipal Buildings for the reception of the engineering students was free. There is a need to look for sources of funding. Grants do however, usually need to be for something specific. It was agreed that the Summer School needs at least 12 enrolments to make it viable.

5. WEBSITE (Peter)

The photograph of the Crewe Mayor by the sign welcoming the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Macon twinning has now been used as an introduction to the Gallery.

6. PUBLICITY (Ray)

Articles appear regularly in the local press and always contain a welcome to new members. There was a good article on the Macon weekend in the Chronicle.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Clive attended the Conference held in Macon last weekend. It was aimed at the Head of Tourism from Councils and a representative from the twinning associations in Macon's twin towns in the hope of developing tourism and encouraging 'ambassadors' to spread the word to residents about their twins. It was called 'Operation Seduction' and was very interesting. We need to inform our locals of the delights of Macon and the fact that if anyone does visit then they can obtain a VIP card which will make them special guests on presenting it at the Tourist Office. CANTA needs to get this information in the local press and get the cards circulated.

Linked with this: Hugo, from Bischofsheim is interested in organising a trip to Macon next May, with the possibility of a few days before and after the Macon visit at Bischofsheim. 25 people from Bischofsheim have booked to take part - we need numbers from CANTA. Details will be circulated so that we can get an idea of the likely response by 1 December.

Eight CANTA members attended the Crewe Mayor's Afternoon Tea event.

The Macon Summer Language School needs to be publicised.

It was suggested that a pre or post Christmas meal could be organised at South Cheshire College.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 6.30 p.m.