

CREWE AND NANTWICH TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 12th November 2018 in Committee Room 3, Municipal Buildings.

PRESENT

C. Mosby (Chairman) P. Kay; M. Jones; T Lightfoot; Jill Oakes; John Oakes; R Stafford

APOLOGIES

D Marren; L. Johns; W. Johns

It was reported that David was visiting the widow of Cllr. John Hammond, who had recently passed away. His participation and support for the Twinning Association was remembered.

MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

The Minutes of the last meeting were accepted There had been no progress yet on finding a new secretary, the post would be further advertised locally. No-one volunteered this time to take the notes. Tom was thanked for undertaking this for the last meeting. The Chairman reported that he had seen Pam Minshall the day before and had wished her a speedy recovery.

TREASURER AND MEMBERS' REPORT

A written statement was received from the Treasurer. The current balance stands at £2,056.68 in the current account, and £2,348.67 in the deposit account. There is £1,013.70 in the Humblot Trust.

The Chairman reported that he had received the outstanding meal payment from the summer school and that the only expenditure incurred recently was for the remembrance day wreath

WEBSITE (Peter)

Photos of the delegation from Maçon at the Crewe remembrance day events had been sent to the webmaster. The Chairman undertook to provide some narrative to accompany them

Peter had received a slideshow presentation from Walter Beck of photos from the visit to Maçon in May and had posted these on the website. The Chairman said that a bound album had also been produced and was available to purchase. It was a very professionally produced souvenir.

PUBLICITY (Ray)

Ray reported that notification of the meetings appeared in the press. The Chairman had given copies of the CANTA leaflet for display in Nantwich Museum and Nantwich Library.

CREWE REMEMBRANCE FEEDBACK

A delegation of five people came from Maçon to participate in the centenary remembrance of the end of the Great War. There were ceremonial events on Saturday afternoon, an evening event at the Lyceum theatre on Saturday evening and the traditional Remembrance Day event on Sunday 11th, followed by a light lunch and re-affirmation of the Twinning agreement. The Chairman reported that Cyril had provided excellent translation support during the weekend and that the event had passed very successfully. A noted intervention resulted in the French flag being able to be hoisted in honour of our guests. The Maçon delegation were particularly impressed by the Armistice Day remembrance service and the participation of so many young people and associations. They had delivered very impassioned speeches to mark the occasion and presented a beautiful momento to the town mayor.

The Chairman expressed the hope that following the learning from the weekend the Town Council and CANTA would be able to work together better on future events. Crewe TC had sent 2 representatives to the commemoration in Macon

FUTURE PLANS

The next event would be the meal organised for 20 November at 7.30. The Chairman reported that 19 members had booked for this and that he would be passing on menu choices to Crewe Golf Club.

Maurice reported that he had made a reservation for the mini bus for the Summer School next year, though the company were not as yet able to confirm the price. It was hoped also that Wendy had also made provisional bookings for the hotel. Discussion took place about how the summer school invitations would be communicated in the continued absence of Dietmar. The Chairman would ask Hugo for support if it looked like this would be an issue. Bettina was also suggested as a useful contact. Maurice to keep us informed if he hears anything further. It was agreed that we need to get something out as soon as possible.

The Chairman had passed to Hugo confirmed numbers for the trip to Leipzig with the Bischofsheim group in the week beginning 23rd June 2019. They will be joined by the Polish group. The proposed programme had been received and looked very interesting. Bookings are now closed.

There is a plan to invite a Polish delegation to Holly Holy Day next year and to arrange the signing of a friendship agreement. It is envisaged that up to 10 will be invited with the visit taking place from Fri 25 to Mon 28 January and that both Nantwich and Crewe councils will be involved in the planning and arrangements. Members were asked to consider whether they would be prepared to host for the weekend

CORRESPONDENCE

An email had been sent to the Chairman enquiring about Dietmar's health. Maurice said that he was still in touch

An email had been received from Nantwich Museum about a proposed exhibition about Twinning next year. This was generally supported as it would provide good publicity, and that a contribution should be made. It was agreed that this would be given further consideration at the next meeting

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Maurice again referred to the lack of secretary and that there was a need soon to organise an Annual General Meeting, as the CANTA constitution required one and that we were overdue. The archives would need to be picked up from Pam when there was somewhere identified to house them

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 6.15 p.m.