

CREWE AND NANTWICH TWINNING ASSOCIATION CANTA

Minutes of Meeting 19/1 held at 5.00pm on Monday 14 January 2019 at Crewe Municipal Buildings

PRESENT

Clive Mosby **CM**, *in the chair* Tom Carnwath **TC** Lindsay Johns **LJ** Wendy Johns **WJ** Peter Kay **PK**
David Marren **DM** Jill Oakes **JO** John Oakes **JoO** Jerry Park **JP** Ray Stafford **RS**

APOLOGIES

Maurice Jones **MJ** Trevor Lightfoot **TL** Cyril Jones **CJ**

MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on Monday 10 December 2018, were approved.

MATTERS ARISING

Hotel Accommodation

WJ reported that the new director of Ibis Styles Hotel had confirmed that accommodation would be available for the 2019 summer school at the 2018 price *per room* with an increased charge for food.

Agreed (1) **WJ** to add £15 per head *per week* to the stated charge to cover increases; (2) **WJ** to discuss possible alternative accommodation with the Chamber of Commerce.

'Exchange' for 13-year-old French Schoolboy

Agreed (1) **DM** to approach local secondary schools about possible 'exchange' candidates; (2) **CM** to table revitalisation of school contacts on the next agenda.

TREASURER AND MEMBERSHIP REPORT

WJ tabled current financial statements (copies on file), showing Account balances of £2050.68 (Current), £2348.97 (Deposit) and £1013.78 (Humblot Trust). Membership was 47 (Individual) and two (Corporate).

PK proposed more active management of the Humblot Trust capital and income, in accordance with the original transfer deed from Crewe & Nantwich Borough Council, and perhaps including cash awards linked to education in modern languages. **Agreed** (1) **CM** to table management of Humblot Trust on the next agenda; (2) **CM** to raise issue informally with Crewe Town Council and with Macon contacts.

WEBSITE

PK reported that a replacement webmaster might be required by 30 June 2020, and that a replacement website was also needed to obviate the existing coding complexities. It was pointed out that Macon's website was rarely current; Dzierzoniow's was entirely in Polish; and Bischofsheim's was non-existent.

PUBLICITY

RS reported that although the *Chronicle* had not published his latest release, he would circulate CANTA's forthcoming programme to both the *Chronicle* and *Sentinel*. **Agreed** **RS** to circulate details to the digital Nantwich News site.

VISIT FROM DZIERZONIOW

DM reported that five Dzierzoniow visitors would arrive on Friday 25 January; stay with four CANTA hosts; and return on Monday 28 January. As Crewe had not yet renewed its agreement, the emphasis of the visit would be on Nantwich. Saturday's programme would be based on Holly Holy Day, with an evening event at the Civic Hall, when the Nantwich/Dzierzoniow agreement would be signed. Sunday's programme would be based on the hosts, with a meeting for lunch or tea. **Agreed** **CM** to assess feasible arrangements for lunch or tea, advising hosts accordingly.

FUTURE PLANS

CM reported that the summer school was too expensive for Dzierzoniow representatives. **Agreed** **CM** to table discussion of alternative summer school hosting arrangements on the next agenda.

CORRESPONDENCE

CM reported that Macon had sent New Year greetings and an enquiry about summer school arrangements.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

CM reported the recent deaths of a Crewe & Nantwich member, and of the spouse of a Dzierzoniow member.

TIME, DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

5.00pm on Monday 11 February 2019 at Crewe Municipal Buildings.