## **Crewe and Nantwich Twinning Association**

# CANTA

# Notes of meeting 7 February 2023 Polish Centre, 70 West Street, Crewe

#### Present

Canta members Clive Mosby, Chairman Wendy Johns, Treasurer Lindsay Johns Trevor Lightfoot Irene Booth Jane Mosby David Marren Tom Dunlop + 3 representatives from the Polish community centre

## Apologies

Beth Roberts Peter Kay Cyril Jones

#### **Resolution 1**

To officially thank the Polish community for their welcome and wonderful hospitality in supporting the meeting.

This would be a new opportunity to strengthen the links within the local community and with our twin towns.

#### **Resolution 2**

To look into the possibility of using the excellent facility to accommodate future meetings and to involve the 7 members of the Polish centre who had expressed an interest in joining the association. It was agreed that on this occasion normal membership fee would be waived. **CM** to email electronic leaflet & appropriate membership forms.

**Frank L** to liaise with parish priest to ascertain optimum day/time for future regular monthly meetings

# **Resolution 3**

To look at end of July for re-arranged visit from officials/representatives of Dzierzoniow and Bischofsheim to reaffirm friendship agreements viz:

Crewe with Dzierzoniow & Bischofsheim

Nantwich with Bischofsheim (agreement with Dzierzoniow signed 2019)

Visit to be jointly shared between both Crewe TC, Nantwich TC & CANTA, accommodation to be arranged in host families, events to be arranged by the 3 sponsors above and further meetings to firm up detail of programme

initial ideas:

to arrive tues 25/7, welcome event, then evening with hosts

wednesday 26/7 Nantwich Show, then evening with hosts

Thursday in Crewe (Heritage Centre/Lyceum Theatre/ Bentley/ Market Hall)

Friday Nantwich tour, final evening

Saturday departure

suggestion was made to look at alternative dates to put forward however nothing was decided. End of May would not be suitable for Dzierzoniow, & 1<sup>st</sup> w/e September not suitable for Bischofsheim, both due to local festivals

It was als pointed out that Mayoral elections would be taking place in Bischofsheim in May **CM** to suggest preferred date to twin towns

# **Resolution 4**

TD to explore possibilities for Crewe event with Heritage officer re visits eg Bentley etc

## **Resolution 5**

DM to look into Nantwich venue & funding

## **Resolution 6**

FL to look at Polish Centre availability & catering possibilities

## **Resolution 7**

**TD & DM** to look at suitable venue for official signing ceremony in neutral environment eg Municipal Buildings ? Via CE Mayor

## **Resolution 8**

CANTA to look at other local visit eg Joeseph Heler Cheese factory/ Mornflake

## **Resolution 9**

**CM** to draft our proposals to submit to Crewe TC in accordance with terms of the grant agreed i.e. to be used to provide hospitality to visitors from our twin towns and to be used within the Crewe town boundary to support local businesses/community enterprises

#### **Resolution 10**

**DM** to explore matchng provision from Nantwich TC to contribute to the visit. <u>All</u> costs during the weekend to be kept to a minimum but to reflect levels of hospitality provided by hosts in Dzierzoniow & Bischofsheim

WJ gave an update on finance and membership. Only recent expenditure had been renewal of website hosting

**FL** to enquire if any new members had experience of website maintenance so we have a backup if current webmaster moves away as planned

#### Next meeting tba after FL's discussions with Priest

#### **Resolution 11**

to look into possibilities of internet links (via Teams/Zoom etc) with twin town contacts. Wifi available at Polish Centre – **TL & CM t**o research free & paid options