

HAVERFORDWEST TWINNING ASSOCIATION.

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held in the Services Club, Haverfordwest, on Thursday 19th July 2018 at 6.30 pm.

Present:

Roy Thomas (Chairman) Patricia Lewis (Secretary) Derek Griffiths (Treasurer) Shirley Thomas, Cllr Alan Buckfield, Ellen Repton, Hillary Price, Brian Griffiths Barbara Morgan, Charles Davies, Peter Lewis, Pat Lewis.

Apologies:

Cllr Susan Murray (President) Cllr Chris Thomas, Dean Campbell, Mike Lewis, Jane James.

The Chairman apologized for the change of date and venue for the meeting. The Town Council was now charging £10 an hour for the use of its Chamber and he felt that this would be a misdirection of resources when free venues were available. The Secretary reported that she had received a bill for £20. She had been told at the time of booking that the use of the Chamber was free. She was confident that the Town Council would honour that undertaking.

Minutes:

The Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 18th June 2018 were unanimously accepted as a true record.

Matters Arising:

There were none.

Financial Update:

Derek gave a report of his meeting with the Mayor and Sheriff that resulted in a fresh application to the Town Council for financial support. The application for £2,200 had been successful and he had received the cheque. Peter said that the Mayor had been most helpful and it was pleasing to note the support given by new and young councillors. He suggested that a letter of appreciation should be sent to the Town Council.

Derek felt that the one black spot was the Chairman of the PPF Committee saying that she would not want to join the Twinning Committee because of the acrimony that existed between the Committee and the Town Council. Peter stated that it was the acrimony that existed within the Twinning Association that the Chairman did not like. She acknowledge the healthy relationship between the Association and the Council and the score of 32 out of 35 was a testimony to that healthy relationship.

The Bank Balance stands at £3,800. Oberkirch had sent £5,200 for the use of the Broad Haven Hostel and this would mean a return of the £1,000 deposit.

Along with the Town Council grant the new balance would be just in excess of £7,000.

Report on Hosting:

Pat reported that everything was on course. Charles undertook to see that the Rugby Club could accommodate the arrival of the coach. ETA was still to be determined. Clear lines of communication with the hosts was necessary.

Progress Report:

Roy reported that as a result of his meeting with Mr Paul Lucas, the arrangement with the new Haverfordwest High VC School was in place. The Head Teacher was to welcome them on the Friday and each pupil would be assigned a 'buddy' to accompany them during the 3 hour visit. It was decided that a letter of thanks should be sent to the Head teacher thanking her for the school's cooperation.

Brian reported that the Quiz was scheduled for Tuesday 24th July and would have 7 rounds of 10 questions. Peter had acquired £20 sponsorship for each round and had handed Roy a cheque for £140. The number of teams promised appeared to be growing thanks to the efforts of some committee members and a poster designed by Fiona Thomas. A letter was to be sent to Fiona thanking her for her hard work.

It was decided that the monetary prizes should be £40 and £20. Roy was having four plaques engraved and the thought that it should be an event held in future Festival Weeks was growing in the minds of the members.

Derek said he would take the door at 6.45 pm. Ellen volunteered to do the raffle and Shirley promised to help fold the tickets. Entry money would be collected when the tables had settled. Raffle prizes would be delivered on the night. Derek would see to a float.

The Mayor has offered to receive our Oberkirch visitors in the Parlour and Council Chamber on the Friday afternoon so this kind offer is to be be firmed up. Roy is working with Charles's son-in-law to arrange for the Ranger to give a conducted tour of St Davids.

Peter felt that all Town Councillors should be invited to the Friday Social Evening as many of them did not realize the significance of the Twinning Agreement. This was agreed but clear indication of attendance was necessary to avoid wasting money.

Roy reported that the programme was taking shape but such things as drinks on the Friday had to be addressed. It was decided that a working party led by Roy and consisting of Hillary, Charles, Ellen and Derek would look into matters such as the bar and entertainment.

Date of Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held in the Services Club at 6.30 pm on Tuesday 21st Aust 2018.

