

## HAVERFORDWEST TWINNING ASSOCIATION.

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held in the Town Council Chamber,  
2 Picton Place at 6.30 pm on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

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Present:

Cllr Sue Murray (President) Roy Thomas (Chairman) Patricia Lewis (Secretary)  
Derek Griffiths (Treasurer) Shirley Thomas, Cllr A Buckfield, Cllr Chris Thomas,  
Dean Campbell, Barbara Morgan, Sheila Williams, Mike Lewis, Ellen Repton,  
Hillary Price, Pat Lewis, Peter Lewis.

Apologies:

Brian Griffiths, Charles Davies.

The Chairman expressed his pleasure at so many people attending and gave a warm welcome to everyone.

Minutes:

The minutes of the committee meeting held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2018 were unanimously accepted as a true record.

Matters Arising:

Chris felt he should correct a misconception expressed by Peter in the previous meeting. Barn Street School had scored 25 out of 25 for their application for financial support. This score had been on the basis of up to £500 grants. The Association's request for £2.000 was measured by different criteria.

Hosting Update:

Pat reported that all was on course and that Patricia had secured hotel accommodation at advantageous prices.

Future Programme:

Patricia referred to correspondence from the Mayor suggesting that the Association might like to take part in Festival Week with a view to accumulating funds. Patricia went on to suggest a Festival Quiz Night on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July in the Cricket Club. It was agreed that a Working Group consisting Of Roy, Mike, Barbara, Hillary and Jane would organize this event.

Derek reported on a fruitful meeting with Liz Griffiths of PCC and he had been informed that the Welsh Evening would be held on Wednesday in the Youth Centre in Milford Haven and hosted by the Youth Section. Alan reported that the Town Council had granted £400 towards this event.

Thursday is a full day in Cardiff. The Picton Centre has been booked for Friday for a social evening with catering costing £10 per head. It was agreed to have a barbeque evening at Broad Haven on the Saturday evening at a cost of £9 per head. The coach will leave at 5.30 am on the Sunday. Shirley and her daughter Fiona have kindly agreed to prepare packed lunches for our guests. Alan reported that Paul Davies AM offered to show the German party around the Senedd when they visit Cardiff as long as the facility is open.

#### Funding Update

Roy read out a letter he had received from Peter in which he listed how financial aid from the Council had developed. Support from the Council had been substantial in preparation for the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations and everyone expressed concern and great disappointment that the recommendation to Council was that no support should be forthcoming this year. He proposed that this withdrawal of patronage should be recognized and that financial support be sought from the organisations in the town. He felt that as Roy and Patricia were personal friends of the Oberkirch Chair of Twinning, they should quietly let her know that we face difficulties in this unexpected visit but hoped that we would continue to meet the high standards expected of us. Alan felt that explanations to the Oberkirch Chairman was not necessary.

Pat felt that if the help was not forthcoming then we should proceed without the Town Council and Ellen seconded Peter's proposal. The meeting accepted the course of action suggested by Peter.

Chris expressed his full support for twinning but felt that the application had been poorly submitted. Both Roy and Patricia strongly refuted this claim as they felt that all relevant information had been properly submitted.

Sue suggested that a fresh application might gain support and it was decided that Sue, Derek and Peter should develop a fresh application in time for the Council's July round of meetings.

Dean felt that every effort should be made to inform new councillors of the benefits of twinning and all the good things that had been achieved to date.

Derek reported that the Inner Wheel of Haverfordwest had kindly donated £100.

Date of the Next Meeting:

It was decided that the next meeting will be held in the Council Chamber on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at 6.30pm.