

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Haverfordwest Twinning Association held in the Services Club, Haverfordwest at 6.30pm on Monday 25th February 2019.

Present:

Cllr Mrs Sue Murray (President) Roy Thomas (Chairman) Patricia Lewis (Secretary) Derek Griffiths (Treasurer) Jane James, Hillary Price, Ellen Repton, Charles Davies, Mike Lewis, Brian Griffiths, Cllr Peter Lewis, Cllr Chris Thomas, Janet Lewis, Pat Lewis, Sue Rogers, Shirley Thomas, Barbara Morgan, Jan Manning

Apologies:

Cllr Alan Buckfield, Cllr Michael Mathias.

President's Report:

It has been my privilege and honour to be your President since my election as Mayor and Admiral of the Port of Haverfordwest in May 2018.

This year 2019, we celebrate thirty years and this in itself is a rarity for many Twinning Associations. This in itself is something that Haverfordwest and Oberkirch have to be very proud of. This shows dedication of the committee over the years and the present committee and for that I thank you. Our relationship with Oberkirch is strong and vibrant.

Last September we welcomed to Haverfordwest a contingent of young people from Oberkirch to Haverfordwest and it was my privilege as Mayor to host a lunch for them. I would like to thank the Youth Team for all their hard work and input during that very successful visit. It was so good to see youngsters from both towns forming relationships which I hope will last for many years. These young people are our future, and with the uncertainty of the future of the UK and the dreaded word Brexit these relationships that are formed are even more important.

Meetings of the Association are regular and constructive and plans are underway for our visit to Oberkirch in July to celebrate our thirty year friendship and the important signing of the Charter once again.

Last but not least my thanks go to the Glanclleddau Dancers for their continued support and valued input into our Association.

Once again I would like to reiterate my thanks to the hard working committee members who without their dedication we would not have such a successful Association.

Minutes:-

It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Monday 24th February 2018 be signed as a true record.

Matters Arising:

There were none.

Chair's Report:

It has been a busy year between regular meetings in preparing for the visit of our friends from Oberkirch in September and moving into planning our proposed visit for the 30th Anniversary in July 2019.

In this report I will be concerned with expressing my thanks to a number of people who assisted with the visit in various ways.

I believe the visit was very successful from the visit to St Davids to the entertainment provided.

My thanks to the Park Ranger Ian Meophan and the guides at the Cathedral, and perhaps we should say thank you for the wonderful weather during the visit.

Thanks to our President and Mayor Cllr Sue Murray for arranging a buffet at the Picton Centre and a parlour visit for the students.

Thank you to the Chair of School Governors and the Head of Haverfordwest High VC School for arranging and entertaining the students for a morning.

Thank you to the Youth Team at the Milford Haven Youth Centre.

My special thanks to the officers and committee for their support and efforts during the whole visit.

Thanks to the team at the Hostel in Broad Haven for arranging the stay and Barbeque Evening and also the Glanleddau Dancers for their input.

Having said all that we have now moved on to prepare for our special 30th Anniversary visit to Oberkirch in July.

Progress is being made and although we had some disappointments with the school musicians I have been advised that we will have students from year 12/13 Upper and Lower 6th coming with us.

I am hoping we will have a good response to the proposed visit and would urge the officers and committee to try and encourage support for the event .

Thank you.

Treasurer's Report:

Derek circulated his financial report and gave a full account of its contents. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that it be accepted. A copy of this is recorded along with the minutes.

Election of Officers:

Secretary: Patricia Lewis

Treasurer: Derek Griffiths

Auditor: Brian Griffiths

Election of Committee:

Roy Thomas, Pat Lewis, Brian Griffiths, Shirley Thomas, Dean Campbell, Patricia Lewis, Barbara Morgan, Charles Davies, Cllr Peter Lewis, Hillary Price Cllr Alan Buckfield, Mike Lewis, Cllr Chris Thomas, Derek Griffiths, Jane James, Cllr Michael Mathias (the Mayor exofficio)

Knowing that it was going to be a busy year it was decided to co-opt the following on to the committee: Ellen Repton, Sheila Williams, Janet Lewis, Sue Rogers and Jan Manning.