

Torpoint & District Twinning Association
Minutes of the AGM
15th February 2019

The meeting opened promptly at 7.30pm with 27 members present.

1. Apologies

Veronica & Roy Bright, Rose & John Carter,
Terry & Jean Fry, Phil & Gaye Powell, Kate White, Roy Bond
& Linda Myles

2. Minutes of the AGM 2018

Minutes read and agreed correct.

Proposed by Christine Martin

Seconded by Nigel Bunker

3. Matters Arising

- Confirmation of increase in Membership Fee to £10 per person.
- Boules Piste progress so far: Cornwall Council have agreed in principle to having a Boules Piste in front of the Tennis Courts in Thanckes Park.
However Torpoint Council need to be involved now as the tennis courts are being devolved to them in April. It was presented to the Asset Management committee on 24/1/19. No news since.
Roy Roseavere is interested in helping with a funding bid...possibly to Sports England.

4. Chairmans Report

Peter presented his report (copy on file)

Then followed much discussion regarding the itinerary for the French visit in May.

- John Riggall & Christine Rankin expressed their disappointment about the proposed Take a Plate lunch on Sunday 19th.....they feel it would be appropriate to go out for lunch at a restaurant in view of the Association's very healthy bank balance.
Fiona Riggall pointed out that it is difficult entertaining whilst preparing food to take for the buffet.
A Carvery at The Old Rowing Club was put forward as an idea.
Carol Bunker suggested that the members pay a certain amount for this and the Association sub the rest.
- Nigel Bunker pointed out that there may be members who have a Locals Pass for The Eden Project and it would be wise to check this before booking.
- Queries were made as to the use of Wilcove Village Hall for two events as the majority of members live in Torpoint.

These items will be discussed further by the New Management Committee.

5. Treasurers Report

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Janet Fincher presented her report and end of year accounts which were Independently examined by Jean Morgan on 8/2/2019

These were passed unanimously.

6. Election of New Officers

Nominations have been received from:

Terry Fry...for the position of Chair

Gaye Powell...for the position of Vice Chair

Janet Fincher... for the position of Treasurer

Christine Cross...for the position of Secretary

Christine Martin...for the position of Membership Secretary

Nominations for Committee Members were received from:

Phil Powell, Joyce Walsh, Cynthia Bond, Jane Gibson.

Proposed by Doreen England

Seconded by Martin Walsh

All carried unanimously.

It is uncertain whether Veronica Bright and Linda Myles, wish to remain on the committee.

In the absence of Terry Fry & Gaye Powell, Peter McLaren continued to chair the meeting.

For the sake of continuity Lynn Stamp continued to take the minutes till the end of the AGM.

8. Review of Subscriptions

Joyce Walsh reassured the meeting that there will be no further increase to the membership fee in the foreseeable future.

However it is important that the fees keep in line with inflation, so the committee will bring it to the AGM when necessary.

Steve Newell raised the issue of Associate Membership Fees which were not addressed at last years AGM and have remained at £10.

There followed a lengthy discussion about how best to proceed.

It was agreed that in order to avoid having to wait till the next AGM in 2020 before addressing this issue it, was agreed to reword Item 3(c) of the Constitution.

The following wording was proposed by Nigel Bunker,
Seconded by Dave England

‘Outside organisations can become Associate Members of the Twinning Association at the discretion of the Committee which will be reviewed annually at the AGM’

This was carried unanimously.

It was also agreed to add the following wording to Item 12.
'Subscription Fee for Associate Members to be decided by the committee at the time of application'

Proposed by Martin Walsh ...Seconded by Dave England....Motion carried.

The current membership fee for Associate Membership to be decided by the new committee.

Jane Gibson suggested that the Constitution is put onto the Twinning website and this was thought an excellent idea.

Open Forum

Singing for the French: Martin Walsh is organising an informal concert of English and Breton songs for when our French visitors are here. Anyone interested in taking part, the first rehearsal is Monday 25th February 7pm at 86, Maker Rd Tel:813676

Dave England gave a vote of thanks to Peter McLaren for his 4years of hard work as Chair of the Twinning Association.

John Riggall suggested putting articles of past Twinning events into the Town Archives. Janet confirmed that this does happen.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm

