

Minutes of meeting Wednesday 1st May 2019

Present: Terry Fry, Chairman, Gaye Powell Vice chairman, Christine Cross, Secretary, Janet Fincher treasurer, Joyce Walsh, Cynthia Bond, Phil Powell and Christine Martin.

Apologies: Linda Myles.

Terry opened the meeting by thanking everyone who contributed in any way towards the St Georges night, which was a good success. Final amount raised isn't known at this stage as there are still outstanding bills to pay. Janet should have that as a breakdown for the next meeting. **Action Janet**

Minutes of committee meeting 1st April. Agreed as correct. Proposed, Gaye Powell. Seconded, Chris Martin.

Matters arising. Constitution. It was agreed that the Constitution is forwarded to Ralph to be put on the Twinning website. **Action Chris Cross**

Stall at Future Street Market to promote Twinning. The leaflet revamped by Gaye was approved. Joyce knows of a printer to use at reasonable cost and will get estimates for different number of copies. **Action Joyce.** The next street market will be on Sunday 26th May. There are plans for the Library to be open, discussion ensued as to whether we could have a stall showing a taste of France/Benodet. Joyce suggested a stall next to the library or to ask if we could run the café in the library for the day. Terry/Joyce to follow this up and speak to the relevant person responsible at the opening on 11th, decision will be made at next meeting ahead of 26th. Possibility of cooking crepes? (There are quite a lot of food stalls at the street market). **Action Terry/Joyce.**

Correspondence. 1. Invitation from Councillor Lambert Keise and Mrs Maureen Keise to the Official Launch Ceremony of the Torpoint Library Information and Community Hub. On Sat. 11th May at 11.00am. Terry will attend Plus anyone else who would like to go. Chris to reply stating 4-6 members will attend. **Action Chris Cross**

2. Letter from Linda Myles on behalf of Maryfield Flower Festival Group inviting us to join and provide a flower arrangement the subject is 'Thankfulness'. For their Flower Festival over the weekend 25th, 26th and 27th May. No One on the committee feels competent in flower arranging. Application has to be by 14th May. The general membership to be notified in case there are some people who would like to get together and do this. Anyone interested to contact Linda Myles or Chris Cross for the details. **Action Chris Cross to notify members.**

3. E.mail from Chris & John Rankin suggesting that members may wish to give a donation to our French twinningers for the Notre Dame rebuild appeal. Suggested we make a collection at the Dinner and Dance, this can be handed to the treasurer of Benodet twinningers to be forwarded to the Notre Dame Appeal. Janet to make a box for the collection which can be in euros or pounds. **Action Janet**

4. A letter and Questionnaire regarding our experience of twinning, forwarded by Cornwall Twinning on behalf of Laura Paillet from Finistere. They are trying to revive the twinning. Terry and Gaye will complete the questionnaire. **Action Terry and Gaye**

5. Boules Cornwall Annual Twinning Championship on 9th June. We have held the trophy in the past, unfortunately some of the members who helped to win the trophy last year have not renewed their membership. We would like to encourage members to join in and play boules-practice sessions will be on Wednesday evenings from 8th May, 6.00pm the boules piste next to the Rugby Club. Any member will be eligible to represent our twinning association at the Championship. Twinning membership is required for insurance purposes. We are eligible to enter three teams, applications

by 3/6. Janet, Eric and Chris are willing to apply on our behalf. If any other members wish to join them please contact them and they will give you the details.

Treasurers Update. Balance £8556.74. Forms to change signatories on bank account. Terry and Chris Cross will have to attend Lloyds Bank in Plymouth to add their signatures to the bank account. Chris Martin to be removed. **Action Terry and Chris Cross**

Entertainment. The group haven't met so there are no reports. Chris M said Benodet Park is booked for 13/7 for Taste of France. Terry and Gaye asked Janet if she could bring a detailed list of all fundraising events over the last 2 years showing the costs involved and profits made, so decisions can be made on which are the most profitable events to run in the future. **Action Janet**

A programme to be put together and forwarded to all members once bookings are finalised. **Action Chris Martin**

Twinning Visit May 2019. Unfortunately two French members will no longer be coming due to illness and an operation. Anne Le Noach and Jacques Lemoine, Aline Lemoine his wife is still coming. Final arrangements made. List of Twinning Hosts and guests to be finalised and circulated. The Programme to be typed and circulated. Programme to be circulated separately. **Action Chris Cross**

Boules Piste. Terry and Chris Martin attended the meeting of the Friends of Thanckes Park. The original area suggested is not big enough. It was suggested the Piste could be on the existing grass tennis court which is already fenced off behind the regular courts. This would be suitable and an asset for the town. FOTP will put this forward to Town Council Planning.

Membership Secretary Update. 54 paid up members, 1 family of 2 adults and 2 children. Letters haven't as yet been sent to Associate members. This to be done to the Ladies Singers and Mosquito Sailing Club. **Action Chris Martin.**

Twinning Visit 2020 Suggested date for visit to Benodet end of May 2020. In the past the two committees have met briefly at some point during the visit. This to be resurrected to discuss the date for this visit. Possibly before the dinner and dance.

Date of next meeting. Wed 22nd May at 2.00pm at Chris Cross, 29, Trengrouse Avenue.

Addendum to Minutes 1st May PROGRAMME FOR TWINNING VISIT 2019

15/5. Wednesday evening .Guests arrive at Millbay docks. Boat docks at 20.10. Please arrange to collect your guests. Check Brittany ferries website in case of delays.

16/5. Thursday. Free day. Welcome Evening at Wilcove Hall 5.00pm with Mike and Val Pearn in place of Mayor, twinning choir and handbell ringers. There will be a Cornish buffet of cocktail pasties, scones with jam and cream and saffron buns.

Terry Has been to WestCountry Bakeries and got a reduced cost, the pasties are excellent, it will be supporting a local firm and it will save anyone having to go to Bodmin to collect. **Action Terry.** Jam and Cream for scones. **Action Chris Martin.** Paper plates and serviettes **Action Janet.** Wine to be bought. **Action Terry and Gaye**

Committee to meet at hall earlier to check, set up and ensure electric on for ovens. Action Committee (Chris Martin to get key from Paddy)

17/5. Friday Eden project. 10.15 Pick Up from Top Car Park

(Thanckes Park) Opposite Torpoint C. College. 10.30. Pick up from Crafhole Village Hall (Sheviock Memorial Hall). Aim to arrive at Eden Project around 11.30.

Picnic areas are available around Eden project, plus numerous places where food can be bought if you prefer. Check with Eden if there is anywhere we can leave our picnic bags. Also issue around mode of payment!! **Action Chris Cross (and Janet re payment)**

Evening Soirees at various members houses. Many of these have been arranged privately. **If you have not been invited to one of these please contact me (Chris Cross 07773174822). The aim of Twinning is that no one should feel left out.**

18/5. Saturday Free Day. **Dinner and Dance** . 7.00 for 7.30pm. New Mayor Councillor Mrs Chris Goodman and her consort Mr Chris Goodman will be attending,

Some members of Committee to meet with Suzanne and some of her committee to discuss potential date for the visit to Benodet next year. **Action Terry and Gaye.**

19/5. Sunday Free Day **meet at Sailing Club 7.00pm** for final get together and farewell. Contact sailing Club to inform them. **Action Chris Cross**

Brittany Ferry departs at 22.00, **French to arrive at Millbay by 21.00.**