

Torpoint and District Twinning Association Minutes of the AGM

7th February 2020.

The meeting opened promptly at 7.30pm with 26 members present, plus Naomi Lee representing Carbeile Junior school. Terry gave a thank you gift of an orchid to Chris Martin, who is stepping down from the Committee after over 30years.

Apologies: Lynn Stamp, Veronica and Roy Bright, Paulene and Ralph Smith, Yvonne Newell, Jean Fry, John and Fiona Riggall, Chris and John Rankin and Margaret Bass.

Minutes of AGM 2019. Agreed as correct. Proposed, Joyce Walsh. Seconded Janet Fincher.

No Matters arising.

Chairmans Report. Terry presented his report (copy on file)

Carbeile School Naomi Lee. Naomi kindly agreed to attend our meeting to talk about Links between pupils at Carbeile school and Benodet Schools. Naomi is a year 5 teacher and has been given the roll of coordinator of religious education and French for all the school age range of 7-11. She has found it difficult to make French interesting for the children. Before Christmas the children looked at French customs of children leaving shoes for Saint Nicholas which were filled with sweets. They also held a Christmas market, where the children could sell the items they had made speaking in French. Some children were really worried about this, It wasn't meant to be serious just fun. The market was successful and some Twinning members attended, Naomi invited members to attend and take part with the children in the future. The after school club has 6 enthusiastic members. French is also taught weekly via the Rising Stars Programme which is a fun way to learn. The children have learnt Silent Night in French and sent a video to Sylvie at the school in Benodet, by return they received a photo of the French children, they have also received a video from Benodet where the children all give their names. They hope to continue the link sending some more gifts in the future. The teacher of year 3 children has also suggested she could get involved and look at the comparison of Benodet and Torpoint from a geographical point of view. Naomi is very open for help and ideas and games she can play with the children. Members are invited to attend the school French club, it is hoped to be a lunchtime club after half term. Naomi will notify us of dates and times.

Treasurer Report. Janet presented her report and end of year accounts which were independently examined by Jean Morgan. (Copy on file). Unanimously agreed to donate £10.00 to CHATlink at Jean Morgans request.

Appointment of Auditor. Unanimously agreed to contact Jean Morgan to ask if she will audit the accounts again in 2020.

Election of Officers. Existing Officers are willing to stand again for a further year.

Terry Fry...Chairman, Gaye Powell... Vice Chairman, Janet Fincher...Treasurer, Christine Cross...Secretary.

Election of Management Committee. Apart from Chris Martin the following members are willing to stand again, Phil Powell, Cynthia Bond, Linda Myles. A nomination received from

Kate White. Members of the floor were invited to join the Management Committee. We should have 12 members and need a quorum (5 members) to hold a meeting. Jess Bradfield volunteered to help when she is around, but does spend time away. As Gaye and Phil do the same it might be that Jess could attend when they cannot. All Carried unanimously. The management committee meet next On Thursday 20th February at 10.00am at 6 Rowe Street. Terry invited members to attend if they feel they can and would like to help.

Review of S ubscriptions. Agreed to keep the subscription at £10.00 per person for 2020.

Open Forum Martin Walsh is organising the singing again this year. Benodetois are learning the White Rose in Cornish and English. The first practice will be this coming Monday 10th February 7.00pm at 86, Maker Road. Tel 813676.

Fundraising Suggestions for 2020.

Skittles (more than one)

Quiz next date 2/4/2020.

Horse Racing Evening

Thursdays Marine Band Concerts request to do the raffle. (Mike Pearn might help?)...Peter McClaren.

Naomi suggested maybe the school could have a cake sale, parents make cakes, combining it with French.

Auction of Promises need a large crowd.(Combined with an event maybe Wine Tasting or quiz).. Carol Bunclark

Cheese and Wine Evening (Sailing Club) Carol and Jess.

Beetle Drive

Mayflower 400 celebrations programme for ideas. ...Joyce Walsh

Jane Gibson offered a Barbican walking tour ending at the Box which opens 19th May. Donations for funds.

17th Century Night Charles 2nd his wife introduced tea. Samuel Pepys. Coffee houses. Food from this era...Jane Gibson

Meals appreciated and should continue.

2021 for the future maybe a walk around Torpoint, led by Jane Gibson.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm

