COLEFORD TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting

16 January 2017
at the Town Council Offices, Coleford

Present:	Iain Baird (Chair)	Stuart Cox
	Matthew Whittington (Depute-Chair)	Steve Parry
	Janette McCutcheon (Secretary)	Kathy Parry
	Nick Penny	Gemma Parry
	Paul Kay	Evie McCutcheon

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	Iain welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.		
10	Feedback from Visit by 45 Tours Youth The visit went extremely well. Iain had received an email from Patrick and Annie. The children especially enjoyed the trip to Gloucester and the Cathedral. Paul raised the question that it was felt that the group should have had more free time and a discussion took place around this. More free time will be included in future visits.		
11	Work Experience Project There have been obstacles regarding this project. Local tourism businesses have been approached but are reluctant because of the cost implications and local seasonal workers missing out on employment. While the Association is not shelving this idea, it was decided to explore the issue at a later date when the Association is more established. The Committee thanked Nick for his efforts.		
12	French Conversation Evenings Thank you to Kathy for all her input into these evenings. Stuart suggested each evening being themed. This was agreed by the Committee. Iain will arrange more dates and post them on the website. He will also send a letter to the Review to advertise. The dates will also be posted in the Tourist Information Centre. Iain received an email from a lady called Claire Sans from Lydney who wished to be involved in the Twinning. She saw the newspaper piece about the Youth Visit. As she is a native French speaker, she could help out with the French Conversation evenings.		IB
13	Football Tournament Easter 2017 Discussion took place about the Tournament. Mika is sending a list of contact names to Matt. Once received Matt will pass these addresses onto the football clubs. It might be a possibility to explore whether the Coleford teams could get a grant from FIFA as the travelling expenses to St Hilaire were expensive.		MW

14	CTA AGM The date of the AGM will be 20 February 2017. Janette will book The Main Place and will arrange refreshments. *Membership Fees:* It was decided the membership fees will be: Individual £10 Family £20 Members will get a discount on any CTA events and priority booking. Iain will arrange publicity for this meeting. The Committee should also focus on getting CTA members to participate in the May visit to St Hilaire.	JM IB All
15	Looking Ahead *May Visit:* The only feedback from the schools have been from Coalway. Mrs Mitford is quite keen to get involved, and Iain is meeting her at half-term. No schools are planning to visit this year. It was also thought best to get the football, rugby and golf clubs interested first. Regarding costs, it was discussed that costs should be kept to a minimum, and that the Committee should investigate the cheapest method to travel to St Hilaire. It maybe cheaper to hire a mini-bus to Birmingham Airport, then a mini-bus at Nantes, rather than hire a mini-bus at Coleford and take it all the way to St Hilaire. *Youth Club Visit:* A discussion took place about the Mount of Olives Youth Club. The Committee could offer help in planning if they wanted to visit and put them in touch with Anne from 45 Tours Youth to organise a trip. Iain will contact Mount of Olives about a possible trip in July or August.	IB IB
16	Fundraising It was decided that each member of the Committee should bring a fundraising idea to the next meeting. Janette will set up the Coleford Twinning Association's Easyfundraising page.	 JM
17	Date and time of next meeting Committee Meeting 6:30 pam 13th Feb at CTC offices. The Annual General Meeting will be held in the Boardroom (1st Floor) of The Main Place, Coleford at 7pm on 20th Feb.	All