



COLEFORD TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting

5 June 2017
at Town Council Offices, Coleford

Present:	Iain Baird (Chair)	Stuart Cox
	Janette McCutcheon (Secretary)	Steve Parry
	Julie Melhuish	Kathy Parry
	Evie McCutcheon	Gemma Parry

		<u>Action</u>
1	Iain welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from: Nick Penny, Paul Kay, Michelle Kay, Matt Whittington	
2	<u>Minutes of the last meeting</u> These were agreed.	
3	<u>Items from the Chair</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) <i>Trip to St Hilaire:</i> Iain had a meeting with Laurent, the Mayor, and gave a talk in French, which was broadcast live on Facebook! Damien had arranged for a meeting with the teachers from the link schools. 24 people attended along with 2 teachers. Iain made contact with the Women's Rugby team. Iain will speak to Matt about football. b) <i>Hiring the Council Facilities:</i> Janette and Iain have received letters from the Town Council with regards to using the Town Hall facilities by the Twinning Association and the French Conversation group. It was agreed that Janette write to the Town Council asking for the fee to be waived for this financial year. c) <i>French Conversation sessions:</i> It was decided re-start these in the Autumn when everyone is back from holidays. Iain asked for any ideas for expanding our group. d) <i>Website:</i> Iain asked if anyone had any ideas for improving the website. If you do, please get in touch. e) <i>Changes to Constitution:</i> Changes to the Constitution were discussed at the meeting and it was decided to take these to the next AGM. 	<p>JM</p> <p>All</p> <p>All</p> <p>For AGM</p>
4	<u>Report from the Treasurer</u> Balance is: £1523. £960 has been paid out to the Mount of Olives Youth Club for their visit to St Hilaire in August. This is 50% of their costs. There has been additional purchases which will be discussed at the next meeting. Easyfundraising total at present is £18.65.	
5	<u>Membership</u> Membership will be put onto a database by Janette. Iain asked for ideas from the Committee on how to improve membership. More events like the Wine and Cheese evening were suggested. For some of the various events, members could be offered a discount. Iain took over some items from Ellwood school and Lakers School, for their link schools. Coalway contacted him rather late for items to be taken over, as Iain received the email when he was in St Hilaire.	<p>All</p>

6	<p><u>Mount of Olives Youth Visit in August</u></p> <p>A £950 cheque was given to the Youth Club to cover half their costs. Iain met with Anne, from 45 Tours, although the main contact for the MofO youth group is someone called Pierre. The youth club will stay on a campsite, where some members of the 45 Tours youth club will join them there.</p>	
7	<p><u>Fundraising and Sponsorship</u></p> <p>a) <i>Wine and Cheese</i>: 27 tickets have been sold. Only 7 tickets remain.</p> <p>b) <i>Calor Gas Application</i>: Iain explained that this grant is for very specific projects, and we could apply for this in the future, if we have a project that will fit their eligibility criteria.</p> <p>c) <i>School Fetes</i>: Coalway school fete is on 30 June. A discussion took place as to whether it will be viable to have a stall there.</p> <p><i>School</i>: Gemma and Evie will think of ways of fundraising via Lakers.</p>	GP + EM
8	<p><u>Looking ahead – October visit by St Hilaire group to Coleford</u></p> <p>It is expected that about 30 people will come over to visit for two full days. Iain had previously suggested to Nick that we make it a Town Council event. The teachers are hoping to be hosted. Iain has received a reply from Dene Magna about the visit. The organizer of this trip in St Hilaire has been asking Iain about trips during the visit. Our Committee need to explore costs of this visit.</p>	IB + All
9	<p><u>Future twinning partnership and events</u></p> <p><i>Skittles Evening</i>: Five will attend the skittles evening on Wednesday night.</p> <p><i>Summer Visit</i>: There will be a youth group coming over from St Hilaire next summer.</p> <p>Football: Iain will speak to Matt about this.</p> <p>Women's Rugby: Iain will contact Drybrook.</p> <p>Petanque: Iain will send Julie some photos of the St Hilaire Petanque hall.</p> <p>Golf: Iain found out that there is a big golf course in St Hilaire. He will contact the Golf Club Captains at both clubs.</p> <p>Choirs: Still hoping that the Choir from St Hilaire will come over for the Christmas Lights Switch On. The Forest Singers would like to get involved with the twinning. Sam Davis has indicated that they are keen to get involved.</p> <p>Music: Hopefully Lakers will send their music group over next year.</p> <p>Cycling Club: Janette to email contact details to Iain.</p> <p>Scouts: Iain will contact Damien about a group in St Hilaire.</p>	IB IB IB IB JM IB
10	<p><u>AOB – to be agreed with Chair prior to the meeting</u></p> <p><i>Sun Holidays</i>: Janette spoke to the Committee about Sun Holidays. Each May, the Sun prints codes in their paper for cheap holidays. She discovered there is a campsite in St Hilaire is one of the holiday destinations.</p>	
11	<p><u>Date and time of next meeting</u></p> <p>Monday 10 July 2017 at 6.30pm at the Town Council Offices</p>	All