



COLEFORD TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting

21 August 2017
at The Town Council Offices, Coleford

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

		<u>Action</u>
1	Iain welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from: Paul Kay, Michelle Kay, Matt Whittington	
2	<u>Minutes of the last meeting</u> These were agreed, however there was a discrepancy with the Treasurers Report. It was not the Cheese and Wine that raised £766, but the total Fundraising was £766.	
3	<u>Items from the Committee</u> <p>a) Sports Team Links:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rugby: Iain had an email from Patricia, who organized the October visit, to say that some of the visitors want to visit a Rugby Club here. Iain will ask Berry Hill RC. • Cycling Club: Nothing new has been heard. There's a possibility of about 12 going to St Hilaire for the Tour De France. • Golf: Iain will contact the new Golf Pro at Forest Hills. Stuart to contact his neighbour with regard to Bells. • Coleford Town Football Club: A discussion took place regarding the Club. Iain will contact them and copy into Matt. <p>b) School Links:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was an issue regarding Coalway, but this has been resolved. There will be 7 teachers coming over from the St Hilaire area in October. There will be representatives from the two Secondary Schools and all the Primary Schools. <p>c) Other:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Janette had been talking to Maggie Walters from English Bicknor WI. They are very keen to be twinned with a similar group in St Hilaire. They are also very keen to visit the area. Janette explained that Coleford has no WI now, and English Bicknor WI has a membership of 72, with many of the women living in the Coleford area. Iain will find out if there is a similar group in or near St Hilaire. • Also, Nick will speak to the Scouts Division Leader about twinning. 	<p>IB</p> <p>IB/SC</p> <p>IB</p> <p>NP</p>
4	<u>Report from the Treasurer</u> Balance is: £1696.97, including £12.00 in the Petty Cash	
5	<u>Mount of Olives Youth Visit</u>	

	<p>The Youth Visit went very well and the children enjoyed it. The Mayor of St Hilaire had a big reception for the Group. There were indications from St Hilaire that the two-way visits were much appreciated, as prior to this, twinning with other countries was one-way. Iain has asked Terry (Youth Group Leader) if he could let people know about the visit and how successful it was, so that other groups will take part. Nick will help with the Press Release for the trip.</p>	NP
6	<p><u>Fundraising</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parkend Carnival: As they already have a coconut shy, they didn't require another one. Iain will do 'Play your cards right' and a Treasure Hunt. Also some leaflets will be required. List of required items: box of Celebrations, Orangina glasses, cash float. Iain and Steve will take part – Iain to contact Steve with details. Nick can supply tables. Iain and Nick will have a sub-meeting on Friday 25 August regarding Parkend. 	IB/NP
7	<p><u>Looking Ahead – Visit by St Hilaire Group in October</u></p> <p>A discussion took place regarding the arrangements for the group visit in October. The outcomes are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town Council could make funds available towards twinning activities in October. Iain to make sure the October visit plans are put forward at September's Town Council meeting for consideration. • Draft Itinerary: Iain gave out a draft itinerary. Discussion took place regarding location, buffet, and entertainment. Iain will talk through his ideas with his French counterpart. Stuart to contact the White Horse at Staunton for a Skittles Evening. There was also a discussion about a trip to Cardiff, but it was felt this was too far for an organised trip for everyone. However, it was suggested that if a few wished to go, they could go by train from Lydney. • Meetings: The French rugby teams want to meet Berry Hill Rugby Club, with a view to bringing a French team over. • Hosting of visitors (if needed): Iain and Jane Steve and Kathy, members of staff at Dene Magna school. • Iain will contact the Membership to let them know about the October visit and the events planned. 	IB SC IB
8	<p><u>French Conversation Sessions</u></p> <p>Classes will start on Monday 11 September 2017 at 7pm at the Town Council Offices.</p>	All
9	<p><u>Date and time of next meeting</u></p> <p>Monday 25 September 2017 at 6.30pm at the Town Council Offices, Coleford The next meeting after this will be on Monday 16th October at 6.30pm.</p>	All