



# COLEFORD TWINNING ASSOCIATION

## *Minutes of Meeting*

20 March 2017  
at the Town Council Offices, Coleford

Present: Iain Baird (Chair) Steve Parry  
Janette McCutcheon (Secretary) Evie McCutcheon  
Nick Penny (Treasurer) Julie Melhuish  
Michelle Kay Paul Kay

### Action

Iain welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

#### 1 Apologies

Apologies were received from: Matt Whittington, Kathy Parry and Gemma Parry. Our best wishes were offered to Kathy as she was unwell.

#### 2 Minutes of Last Meeting

These were unanimously agreed.

#### 3 Report From Chair

*School Partnerships:* St Johns have agreed for their partnership with Ecole Henry Simon to be transferred to Ellwood Primary. St Johns will take on another partnership once they are more settled. Coalway, Lakers, Berry Hill and Dene Magna are all in touch with their twin schools in St Hilaire.

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*Sports Partnerships:* Iain will contact Matt to check on the football clubs. Iain has passed the St Hilaire Women's Rugby Team email address to Drybrook. Both Bells and Forest Hills Golf Clubs were contacted, but Iain will follow this up. Iain spoke briefly a member of the Archery Club about a possible link and Paul will find out if there is an Archery Club in St Hilaire. Michelle suggested Gymnastics Clubs as there is one in St Hilaire and a discussion took place about cycling clubs. Nick will contact the local Gymnastics and Cycling clubs here to talk about twinning.

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*Music Groups:* Iain has been in contact with Sam Davis, Leader of the Coleford Community Choir regarding the Christmas Lights Switch On musical event. It is hoped to have a concert, with a group from St Hilaire able to join us. Nick might also be taking a band called Devon over to St Hilaire in August, however it is still early days and he will keep the committee up to date with progress.

#### 4 Report From Treasurer

Nick reported the following:

There is £158 in the twinning fund from 6 individual and 2 family memberships, plus £30 and £28 raised at the AGM from Gemma's Cakes (Well done Gemma!) and the raffle. There is a further £6 in the Easyfundraising account.

*Bank Account and Funds:* Nick explained the position of the monies from the Town Council. At the moment the money is being held by the Town Council. Once the Twinning Association bank account is set up, the Town Council will be able to issue a cheque to the Twinning Association for a £2000 grant. There will also be a further £2,000 for the Council to spend on the Twinning Association's behalf.

*Rotary:* Iain has spoken to Terry at the Mount of Olives about gaining their approval to ask the Rotary for some help towards the Youth Visit in August. A request for funding has gone to the Rotary Club, but as yet no reply has been received. It was also suggested that the Mount of Olives could ask the Co-op for help too.

*Co-op:* It was suggested that we could approach the Coop for possible support.

- 5 Membership Issues  
Membership fees due on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017. Nick will maintain the membership list. NP
- 6 Mount of Olives Youth Visit in August  
Visiting 16-20 August. The Twinning Association have indicated that they will match fund the Mount of Olives' contribution, ie if the trip cost £120 each, then the MoO would contribute £60 and the Twinning Association will match fund it for £60. There will be a meeting at the Youth Club on 24 March to discuss the trip, and it was asked if their decision about this could be passed to the Council by the following Thursday so that the Council could formally agree this. The maximum funding the Association can offer is £750 (Proposed by Nick, Seconded by Paul). Nick will make a note of this on the accounts. It was also decided at the meeting that this funding will be reviewed for future trips. NP
- There will be 9 youngsters and 3 adults going out. It was also suggested to approach the Rotary for help with funding for the youngsters.
- 7 Fundraising  
*Mobile Home Voucher Offer:* A discussion took place about this and the future options for the voucher.  
*Easyfundraising:* £6.00 has been raised so far. Janette explained how to use this.  
*Printer Cartridges:* It was decided to investigate which companies are able to recycle these to give the maximum donation, including those that take toner ones.  
*French Evening:* Paul has spoken to the College about a possible French fundraising evening. The other suggestion would be Le Petit Hibou in Coleford. This could be combined with Marilyn's Wine Tasting event and make it into a Wine and Cheese event. The Association could buy the wine of the wine tasting.  
*Wine or Bottle Stall:* This could be done  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way through the evening.  
*Grab a Bag for £1:* Michelle suggested this. This could be done on any stall the Association has.  
*Trinning Association Stall:* on Sunday 23 April at the Forest Activities Festival. Perhaps a bottle and cake stall. Could also be done at the Carnival of Transport. Steve will check on the regulations regarding cakes at the stall. The stall will need Banners for the stalls. The Association agreed that £40 will be made available for this. As a banner could cost £15-20, there maybe an opportunity to acquire two banners. Nick proposed, Paul seconded. SP
- 8 Looking ahead – May Visit to St Hilaire  
It was decided to inform the Council at St Hilaire that most of the 8 person group who are going across for the May visit will be there on the Saturday evening (for any events taking place). Iain will contact Damien, Patrick or Cecile. IB
- 9 Veteran's Football Team Visit  
Iain to contact Matt regarding this. As discussed above. IB
- 10 Future Twinning Events  
Autumn 2017: Choir coming across.

*Forest Showcase:* Try to get a French chef across for a French food demonstration. Paul will speak to Vincent regarding this. PK  
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*Youth Visit in December 2017:* Iain will speak to Anne regarding whether a group will be coming over at Christmas.

12 Date and time of next meeting  
The next meeting will take place on Monday 3 April 2017 at 6:30 pm at the All  
Town Council Offices.