

# **Minutes of the Witney & District Twinning Association AGM Meeting on Tuesday 5th September 2018**

**Present:** Eleonore Bruyere, Tony Perkins, Mike Breakell, John Thornton, Jeanette Baker, Leslie Morris Keith Harris, Peter Scott, Felicity Hill, Brenda Churchill and Sharon Groth

**Apologies:** Chris Woodward, Andy Wolf, Margit Kail, Mark Pengelly

## **Chairman's Summary:**

John gave a summary of the year on what the highlights were throughout the year whilst pointing out the great work all the committee members did and particularly Eleonore who had overseen during the 1st Rallye of Le Touquet. John presented Eleonore with some flowers as a thank you.

Furthermore John announced Tony's decision to resign as Treasurer as well as serving on the Twinning Committee. As a thank you to his support and efforts over the years, Tony was given a set of glasses with the Twin Town's names engraved on their sides.

## **French Representative's Report and Vice Chairperson's Comments:**

Eleonore added that she and Tony would attend the ball to celebrate the success of the project and highlighted the importance of maintaining the relationship with Special Effect which the committee agreed would be beneficial for all parties.

Going forward John mentioned that there are various projects in the pipeline for the upcoming year and he has put together a draft of an agenda and is looking forward to a 2nd Rallye du Touquet.

## **German Representative's Report:**

As Margit was unable to attend the AGM, Mike read out a report prepared by Margit for this occasion summarising the past year.

The new mayor, Brenda Churchill, attended Unterhaching's 40th anniversary of twinning with their French twin town Le Visinet from the 8 to 10 June. Two people from the twinning association were also invited. However, no-one was able to attend. The Witney Representative, Bernie Maidment, stated that the town band was very keen on coming to Unterhaching in 2019 to play during the 30th anniversary between Unterhaching and Witney. The celebrations are planned to coincide with their beer festival in July. The town band would be great as they had also played during the 25th anniversary. Bernie Maidment will visit Witney again for the Remembrance Sunday in 2018. The Witney Twinning Association will have their own 30th anniversary celebrations with Unterhaching and 40th anniversary with Le Touquet to organise which will come up in 2020.

## **GDPR:**

We briefly touched on the subject of GDPR General Data Protection Regulation in order to highlight the importance to handle the information of our members. The methods we use the committee and members agreed were sufficient and for the moment did not need reviewing.

## Financial Report:

Tony presented the financial report and highlighted the various difficulties and challenges he faces especially during the Rallye du Touquet when he needed to buy public liability insurance to keep the cars parked on the square outside Cafe Rouge, as well as the expense of needed to buy drip trays for the vintage cars on display. Before handing in his Treasurer's cheque book, he settled any outstanding invoices.

John assured Tony that the named address on the bank account would be changed so that the transition can be complete.

## Election of Officers:

Other than the resignation of Tony's position as Treasurer none of the other roles have changed. John do the bookkeeping whilst the committee tried to find a replacement for Tony.

Chairman: John Thornton  
Vice Chairperson: Eleonore Bruyere  
Treasurer: Vacant  
Secretary: John Thornton  
French Rep: Eleonore Bruyere  
German Rep: Margit Kail  
Website and IT: Mark Pengelly

## AOB:

The committee discussed briefly the arrangements for the Remembrance Day and Sharon said she would send John the details to the event and the committee would make arrangement for the Twin Towns once this information is available.

This concluded the meeting and the committee and guests could enjoy a glass of Prosecco along with cheese and cakes.

The meeting closed at 9:00pm.

Minutes prepared and written by John Thornton, 10th September 2018