

# **Minutes of the Witney & District Twinning Association Committee Meeting on Monday 1st April 2019, 6.00pm**

**Present:** Mike Breakell, Mark Pengelly, Andy Wolf, John Thornton

**Apologies:** Margit Kail, Chris Woodward

**Beer Festival:** John provided an update on the progress for the Twinning stand at this year's Beer Festival organised by the Round Table. Sponsorship with the Wychwood Brewery is being discussed for two pull-up banners and leaflets. The committee agreed that the Association will pay for an additional banner that will have a single use function for the festival. Andy volunteered to help at the stand if he has time.

**Carnival:** There has been no news from the Rotary who would be able to provide us with a location to exhibit there. The Round Table has mentioned that Twinning might be able to tag on to their tent, as they will be offering beer at the carnival.

**Unterhaching Anniversary:** There has been some interest in the trip to Germany within the committee, Mark and Margit are interested in going and will be making a decision. John is going and will be supporting a Twinning Member who also has expressed an interest. Andy might go if the time permits.

**Twin Town Challenge:** With the Twin Town Challenge being the last one ever, the Twinning Association will be running a car in the race to support Special Effect and to create awareness of its offering. There are numerous costs involved such as

Car - £500

Participation - £995

Accommodation - £tbc

Expenses - £tbc

These funds will be raised through sponsorship. Twinning will create a letter for Andy to visit several businesses and obtain sponsorship as well as create awareness by a couple of events in the interim. The amount of money Twinning spends should remain minimal.

**Music Festival:** The Music festival has invited Twinning to nominate a band from each location to perform at the event. This is proving a bit challenging due to the short notice with the Music Festival taking place on the 15th June. John will reach out to a couple of bands and Andy will find out about London based German bands.

**Fire Station Anniversary in Unterhaching:** Unterhaching had been in touch with the Twinning Association to invite the local Fire Station to attend the 150th anniversary in Unterhaching next year and John had made contact with the local Fire Station. A response is still due.

**AOB:** The Committee thought it would be useful to update the Facebook page to be linked to the page and website of the council. Mark will look into what the best course of action is.

John also reminded the committee that this year is primarily about growing the membership and would like each committee member to organise an event or create awareness about Twinning that might encourage more members to join.

The meeting closed at 19:15 hours

Minutes prepared and written by John Thornton, 6th April 2019