

Minutes of the Witney & District Twinning Association Committee Meeting on Wednesday 20th September 2017

Present: Mike Breakell, Tony Perkins, Eleonore Bruyere, Margit Kail, Mark Pengelly, John Thornton

Apologies: Jenny Smith, Andy Wolf, Jim King

Welcome: The Chairman John opened the meeting by welcoming all those attending.

Chairman's Comments: The committee presented Mike with a token of appreciation for his time served as Chairman. He received a plaque saying thank you from the committee along with a nice Parker pen.

Approval of the AGM Minutes: Tony confirmed that the most recent minutes will only be approved at the next AGM

Association Banking Signatories: Due to the complexity of changing the signatories, we will keep the signatories the same which currently allow Tony and Mike to sign the Association's cheques.

Activity Agenda / France & Germany Activities & Events:

Remembrance Day: The committee was discussing who is attending the Remembrance Day events from Germany and Margit confirmed that it will be Bernie, Katharina and her Father (Herr Nottmeyer). The latest development is that the father may or may not visit and will confirm by the 27th September. Eleonore will check with the French Reps who is interested, whilst John will write to the membership to ask who is able to host.

As in previous years, we will have drinks with the membership on Friday evening, and a committee and guests lunch at Eleonore's house, although John will make arrangements for the food and drink.

Le Touquet - Witney Rally: Eleonore was reported on the old-timers car rally going from Le Touquet to Witney in 2018, that there was no new updates from the French side since the last committee meeting.

The Twin Town Challenge: Mike informed the committee that he and Andy have purchased a car to participate in the Twin Town Challenge.

Christmas Lights Visit: Peter and Gaby Woestenbrink will be visiting in November to attend the turning on of the Christmas lights. They will be staying with Eleonore, however further details of their stay will still be organised once we know their arrival and departure times. The hope is to get him involved in the group turning on the lights.

Newsletter & Future Travel Arrangements: The committee did not discuss these topics as Jenny was not present to discuss the Newsletter and due to a lack of time these topics were postponed until after the Christmas Lights event. The committee did agree that publishing a Newsletter after Remembrance Day would be useful.

The meeting closed at 9:15pm hours

Minutes prepared and written by John Thornton, 23rd September 2017