

Minutes of the Witney & District Twinning Association Committee Meeting on Monday 27th June 2017

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

Apologies: Fancine Barnby, , Andy Wolf, Jim King

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

Chairman's Comments: Mike opened the committee meeting by summarising the topics of conversation of the evening.

AGM: The Committee discussed the location and John confirmed it Town Hall Meeting Room had already been booked for the 31st July from 7-9pm. We will be providing some wine, juice and snacks that Eleonore will organise. We discussed that the Mayor would potentially attend and hopefully say a few words to welcome the members, Mike would invite the Mayor to say a few words.

German Rep's Report: Margit has been in touch with Bernard Maidment to find out more about the upcoming visits from Unterhaching. Peter and Gaby Woestenbrink would like to attend the "Turning on of the Christmas lights" with possibly two further interested members of the Unterhaching Twinning Association. Eleonore said that in the past the Woestbrinks had stayed with her so they might like to stay with her again, whilst Margit and Mark offered to host Bernard during his stay in Witney during the Remembrance festivities. John offered to be available for some time on a weekend to show the guests around Witney/Oxford and spend time with them during the day. Since the meeting Mike has found a potential two further homes that guests would be welcome to stay at during their visit to Witney.

French Rep's Report: Eleonore was reported on the automobile race going from Le Touquet to Witney in 2018, that there was no new updates from the French side since the last committee meeting mainly due to the elections that had taken place in France over the recent weeks. Mike informed the committee of the Twin Town Challenge breakfast he attended where participants would meet some of the sponsors and organisers and confirmed the Witney Twinning Association was involved in the organisational side as well as the French twinning association's committee members.

AOB: Jenny suggested a topic for a future meeting to discuss how people are hosted and financed during their visits to and from Twin Towns. Everyone was in agreement that change was needed and would be added to the agenda of the next Twinning Committee Meeting after the AGM would be concluded.

The meeting closed at 19:15 hours

Minutes prepared and written by John Thornton, 29th June 2017