



## Minutes for Meeting

Friday 10th March 2017 17.30hrs  
Held at: Menora

1. **Welcome:** Catharyn welcomed Andrew, Alwena, Jon, Liz, Fred, Alex and John.
2. **Apologies:** Steve and Rina: Paul to arrive late.
3. **Previous Minutes:** Following Action Plan.

### Action points

11/17 Race Foulées du Gois: Andrew will wait for full details from France before contacting everyone to drum up more interest.

15/16 Male Voice Choir: Bill Brookes is exceptionally keen, but knows that the choir can't commit to going at the time of the Jum'Regal. He will discuss with the choir about the best time to go. He will also find someone to meet the music director at the collège in Les Herbiers.

Andrew made the salient point that France seems to have a lot more money to help clubs and institutions embark on new ventures.

16/16 Rugby: Andrew had received no response from his last email and now feels he should demand to know if he should pursue his efforts. [There is a lot of money in mid-Wales to be accessed for rugby and the club could be looking at how to apply for it.]

Following the suspicion that many people simply don't know that they could be part of the trip in June, with information not filtering through to potentially interested parties, Liz will write an article for the County Times, which will drum up interest in the final ten places that remain on the coach.

In relation to this, Fred wondered about when the final payment should be requested.

Sometimes people decide not to go, so we need a proper commitment now: losing a deposit of £25 may not be a deterrent. Jon suggested an interim payment of £25 to be paid soon, leaving the balance to a later date. This would help those who wouldn't want to pay a lump sum at the end. It was decided to request £25 in April and the balance in May.

Andrew will draw up a form to ask for the interim payment, with details of the activities in France during the trip, that can be signed for at the same time.

18/17 Carnival: 10th June. We could make more of it by having our stall again, but maybe enhance it with sales of pastries and glasses of wine.

19/17 Silver Band: It was suggested that Tizzie, Anne Evans' sister, could meet up with the musical director on behalf of the Silver Band.

20/16 Craft Fair: We shall leave discussing this until we have a dedicated meeting, after which we shall meet Newtopia, Number One and the Russian artist. Some interest has been shown in the trip by individual craftspeople, but we must contact them directly, in person, rather than let the opportunity to travel slip by.

Fred has told the French what we shall need for the fair: tables, etc.

The question of prices and possible commissions arose. Alex suggested that the artists should price their products and then we could add our commission to that.

Fred pointed out that we should determine what their lowest price would be in order to get the best sales in the last few hours.

21/16 Fred has sent a cheque for the deposit to Owen's, with the balance to be paid by the beginning of June. £70 from the Town Council to go through the usual routes.

22/16 College crafts. Interviews had taken place earlier in the day. The four girls who had applied were all very suitable, with good track records.

Their details would be passed to Guy.

Griffiths and the college will be paying for their trip.

30/16 Erasmus: This has been put back until next year.

31/16 Food Festival: This will take precedence after the trip.

32/16 AGM: This will take place on the 26th of April in the Town Council buildings. We can all contribute towards the wine and cheese and maybe raise some funds through a raffle.

Richard could possibly use some of his concessionary funds to buy a prize.

It is important to invite Sue Newham, our next maybe mayor.

35/16 Constitution: We must make a date to draft out our own constitution. This may not be as difficult as it sounds, there being all kinds of templates to work from. We need to keep it simple.

1/17 Andrew wrote on our behalf to Mr Harkness and the the head of governors at the High School in Newtown, in relation to the pen friends and the development of music links between Newtown and Les Herbiers.

Liz will write to Kerry Junior School to liaise with interested staff, keen to establish education links with Les Herbiers.

4/17 Morgan's Brew: Morgan and his son are going independently, but would like to stay with a French family. Jon pointed out that Morgan was not making any contribution towards the twinning costs, so it was suggested that he should be invited to become a corporate member.

JoJo has agreed to sell Barabirith cakes to us for a discounted price, for sale in Les Herbiers.

5/17 I shall contact Atsuko Griffiths to make some pastries for the carnival, as a kind of dry run, to see how popular they would be at th food festival.

10/17 Golf: The emails that Andrew sent to the two local golf clubs have not been answered, so we could consider putting up posters in the club houses for all to read.

11/17 Craft Fair Event: This event will be dealt with at a dedicated meeting.

12/13/17 Music: Michelle Martin is very interested in connecting with Les Herbiers. Her meeting, running at the same time as our own, could produce good results.

14/17 Chrono: Steve Coldicott has promised to pass on names and numbers as soon as possible. At this stage, the committee is a go-between and may not necessarily be further involved.

4. There are two new names for the trip.

5. **Chantiers Jeunes:** Two heritage projects will take place between the 1st and the 9th of July. They do not appear to have quite the same kudos as was first suggested, but nevertheless, it was felt that students might still be keen to take part.

Mr Harkness is going to contact former high school students [18-21] with a detailed proposal, translated from the French into English by Fred.

Although this is an initiative between the town councils connected to Les Herbiers, it was proposed that the association might look at ways to contribute to travelling costs.

The Town Council website could also publish details about this trip to reach a wider public.

6. **Carnival:** We have gazebos, so we now need to book a stall.

7. Liz will write an article about the annual dinner, for which Andrew will supply the photographs.

8. **Treasurer's report:** Much covered above.

Andrew passed on to Fred the invoice from the Elephant and Castle for the annual dinner, which will now be paid through the council.

9. **Memberships' report:** Steve is absent, so we will catch up next meeting.

10. **AOB:** Liz mentioned Pétanque. There could be space for a pétanque pitch on the new park being proposed by the Town Council, on land purchased from Powys County Council.

11. **AGM:** As above

12. **Next Meeting:** Swallow Barn 12th of April 5.30.

Approved and signed by chair :

Date :