



18th October 6.30 pm

Town Council Chambers

Present: Andrew, Alwena, Jon, Liz, Fred, Steve, Kate, Cheryl and Kevin

Welcome: Andrew took the chair in Catharyn's absence and welcomed those present.

Apologies: Paul, Richard and Catharyn, John Callahan.

Matters arising: John Callahan is being interviewed in London, which will have obvious ramifications for the music festival, but at least we can make adjustments early and find other people to take his role, should that be necessary.

We have had the sad news that Esta is ill with cancer and John [being part of the family] will have other duties to take care of.

Constitution: It is imperative that we update the old one that exists. Fred will ask Mark Harvey to give us some advice.

Music: Paperwork from Bruno in Les Herbiers arrived on Monday evening, detailing that 100 people will be in the French cohort.

We are currently looking at funding and where we can hope to gain some financial support, but much for 2018 will already have been earmarked. Our own bank balance is healthy especially with the Town Council funds being available in April. However, with the cost of venues and entertainment being high, we shall have to watch every penny. We shall have, as it stands, £3,100 plus Town Council funding. Any events that we host for the rest of the financial year will have to have a charge levied to cover costs.

Would there be one night or two for the music?

What type of music would we be playing, with so much to draw on?

We have two choirs, who would need to liaise.

Kate commented that the local music to Les Herbiers is very good and would maybe be preferable to the 'Eastern' music hinted at by Bruno. The French dancing is also good, but maybe that would be stretching our resources too far.

Accommodation: We need to know the gender and age of the students, as well as their chosen instruments, with the idea of placing them with similar children here.

Les Skelton is not concerned that our festival could clash with his own musical being performed on the same weekend.

We need a sub-committee meeting soon and invite someone from the music fraternity to join our NTA committee. Maybe someone in Ffonic will be able to take over Esta's role.

Time is short for the musicians in terms of an agenda and programme and we need to book venues quickly. The High School looks increasingly attractive. Maybe we should contact the head soon, but Steve wisely cautioned that it would be better to have concrete proposals to put before him, rather than turn up with vague requests.

Chrono: Emma Seargent and Tyler Brennan competed successfully in the Sunday Time Trial. 10 travelled to Les Herbiers and Fred showed us some photographs from the weekend. Andrew asked Liz to liaise with Emma for an article about the event, which will be sent to the Shropshire Star and the County Times.

NMVC: Bill Brookes will write to Les Herbiers to apologise, now that the choir will not be able to go to Les Herbiers in 2018.

Food Festival: We will contact the French about Health and Safety issues as soon as the music festival is over.

Jum'Regal: This is to be fully discussed and planned after the music festival.

Erasmus: The date has been set for mid February and we will invite them to join us at our annual dinner. Andrew has been contacting local businesses and will let us know who is willing to have one of the students.

Fund raising: Liz reported on the proposed film night. The Christian Centre has been booked on the 19th of January, for a cost of £35.50 [to be paid later.] At the moment, if around 30 people were to attend we would cover the costs. Any wine would have to be part of the ticket price, because they do not allow the sale of wine on the premises.

The only sticking point is the question of insurance, because our own may not cover Owen Stanier's equipment. Andrew, who has to go to see the insurance broker, will get this clarified.

FaceBook / Website : Andrew will send us the websites created by Bluesdigital for local companies. To ask them to make ours would come at a cost of around £350. We agreed that it would be worth our while to pay for it, because Andrew was already doing so much for the association.

AOB: Liz to send a card to Catharyn from the committee, wishing her a speedy recovery.

Next meeting: 15th of November at 6.30 in the Council chambers.

Dated:

Signed:

