



Minutes for Meeting

15th November 2017 18.30hrs
Held at: The Elephant and Castle

Present: Liz, Andrew and Alwena, Fred, Paul, Kate, Kevin and Cheryl.

Apologies: Jon, Catharyn and Richard

Welcome: Andrew took the chair in Catharyn's absence.

Minutes: Approved and signed. The minutes from the music sub committee are to be sent to those who couldn't attend, as well as John and Esta.

Matters arising:

Website: The town clerk, Ed, is happy that we should be launching our own website, with the basic information about the association kept updated on that of the town council. Any changeable details will be on ours.

We looked at other websites created by Darren for local businesses and we discussed the best format for ourselves.

Darren would need just one person as a contact, in order to avoid complications and errors. Cheryl will take care of the Facebook element, keeping updates quick and relevant. Automatic form completion online will be very useful, but there should be no monetary transactions.

On the Homepage, there should be an explanation of who we are and what is our role as an association.

We should have an administrative page with a] our constitution:

- b] the minutes from our meetings and the AGM
- c] our membership
- d] the committee members.

People should be able to contact us via email.

Maybe Paul could translate some of the pages into Welsh and French. There is information about us on the website in Les Herbiers and we could look at ways of creating dynamic links between us and them.

Andrew will link with Darren and let everyone know about any progress with the website.

Constitution: Fred had contacted Mark Harvey, who could create a basic structure then maybe we could have a subcommittee to consider the details.

Erasmus: France is waiting for details of the companies wanting to welcome one of the students. The businesses concerned each need to write a description of the job involved. Cheryl will go to see Barrie and Fred will go to the music shop. The students will not be paid: their experiences in Newtown will be what counts.

In a discussion about the students' accommodation, Cheryl and Kevin have offered to have two of them, Paul will take two and Alwena and Andrew will have one.

Jum'Regal: Even though the French have not yet given us a date for next year's event, Andrew wants to start work persuading businesses to commit to the idea of going.

Marching Bands: The man who runs the bands wants Welshpool to be the band centre for Wales. He would love the French to come to the carnival in 2018, but as it is very close to the music festival, this could be too difficult for our hosts. There is always the possibility that the band could host the French players, so we should communicate with him over this.

Music Festival: Separate minutes can be accessed.

Good progress has been made. Michelle and Sue will share the responsibilities: Fred has every confidence in them. He has contacted Bruno and has offered to mediate.

We could hold charity events to support the food festival: the Elephant and Castle will offer their premises for free in return for the business. Any proceeds will be shared between the Food Festival and the NTA.

Finance: The music festival will generate some costs, so we need to get quotes for venues. As the Ellie is offering a free room, we could meet at there from now on.

AOB: Liz said she was gathering names of people to support the Film Night on the 19th of January. 40 people are needed to cover the basic costs. Any profit could go towards the music festival.

Next meeting: Thursday December 14th at 6.30 pm.

Signed

Date