



**Minutes for music sub-committee meeting on 25th of January 2018 at 6.30 pm
Held in the Sportsman**

Present: Andrew and Alwena, Liz, Sue and Fred

Apologies: Michelle, Cheryl and Kevin

Matters arising: 86 people in two parties are now confirmed to be coming, including 48 youngsters and 37 adults, some of whom will be parents of the younger musicians.

The first coach will arrive on the Thursday afternoon, made up of members of Les Herbiers twinning association. The reception will be held at the Council Chambers. The coach carrying the musicians will arrive on Friday afternoon and the reception will be held at the High School.

Time line for Music Festival weekend:

Saturday and Sunday will start from 9.30 at the High School. Tutors will be consulted about their own time requirements on Saturday, as our local tutors will not be available in the afternoon.

Budget lunches will be organised for Saturday and Sunday. We shall ask Duo's to quote us for making sandwiches and we can supply drinks and snacks more cheaply. Drinks must be freely available for the students throughout both days: we can provide large containers of water during rehearsal time and, at the Elephant and Castle, we shall need to discuss the provision of soft drinks.

Throughout the weekend, the students will have some free time and we need to liaise with the leisure centre so that they can take part in swimming, badminton or other sporting activities.

Adult supervision will be important throughout the weekend, though students, on the whole will be with their tutors. Committee members will probably set up a rota, according to when they can participate.

Saturday evening at the Elephant and Castle will be informal, from 7.00 pm onwards. A small French jazz band will be coming over and it may be a possibility that they could perform at some point during the evening. Ffonic have already said that they would like to play as well. The students will be encouraged to play in solo performances, duets or small groups.

There will be a buffet supplied by the Elephant and Castle, but we must have a quote for this. This could involve around 200 people.

Sunday rehearsals will finish early, so that the students can go back to home, or to host families at 4 o'clock, for a rest and a meal. They will need to return to the High School by 6.30 pm to set up for the concert.

It would be a good idea to have a raffle for fund raising, especially if we keep low the entrance price for hosts and families.

The Performing Arts faculty at the college showed some interest in this project when it was first mooted and they could be contacted with the idea of filming or recording the weekend's activities in some way. This could be good for their own coursework and as a record for the twinning association.

Greg is organising the repertoire with Les Herbiers and needs to liaise soon.

Communication: Andrew pointed out that since the County Times was put on our mailing list, they had been picking up information from our Facebook page and making items of news for the paper.

Andrew also mentioned the useful matter of sharing our Facebook page with other organisations, like the twinning association in Llanidloes, Ffonic band and Hafren cycling club, so that we can link easily with and between each other.

Children's security: Cheryl and Richard are sharing this research together.

Annual Dinner: Could we request a small group of musicians to play at our annual dinner? This will depend on Greg.

Next Meeting: We shall aim for a Skype session sometime after half term.

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