



## **Newtown Twinning Association**

### **Annual General Meeting**

**26th April 2017 Council Chambers**

**Present:** Liz and Jon Bushell, Catharyn Edwards - chairman, Richard Edwards, Andrew and Alwena Gentle, Paul Harry Baron, John and Alex Spencer, Steve.

**Apologies:** Fred, Rina

**Minutes:** These were read, accepted and signed.

**Address by Richard Edwards, the mayor.**

Richard thanked everyone for their help and hard work in the resurrection and strong running of the association. He feels that the breadth of cultural and business exchange exceeds what most twinning associations in Wales do.

We will need to find a new councillor to attend meetings when Rina has left.

**Chairman's Report:** With no new members or other interested parties at the meeting, Catharyn felt no need to go through the activities of the previous year in any great detail, but she commented on how quickly the reputation of the association has grown. There had been a varied approach across the whole community and some attempts had been made with fund raising.

**Financial Report:** We have a healthy bank account based on membership and funds for the trip, amounting to £542. We are indebted to the Town Council for their £2000 support.

Andrew commented on the links that have the potential to be made between businesses large and small through the twinning association.

**Membership:** There is a growing number of of paid members. Gratuitous membership has been given to Esta and Geoff for all their hard work on behalf of the association. Many new links have been made throughout the town in businesses and corporations. Steve pointed out that we need to distinguish between members and supporters, perhaps by giving a discount to members in activities where a fee is being paid, such as future trips. However, we cannot ask hosts to to pay more than members, when they are shouldering the costs of looking after visitors.

**Election of officers:** An officer to represent the Town Council will be appointed at the next TC meeting on May 15th, being the Annual Meeting.

Everyone is happy to continue with their present posts. Andrew is keen for photographs to be taken at every opportunity and urges people to remember their cameras. Paul has offered to be our official photographer.

**AOB :** There was nothing arising.

**Next AGM:** Date to be decided nearer the time.