



Minutes for Meeting 23rd April Elephant and Castle 6.30 pm

Present: Kevin, Cheryl, Michelle, Paul, Steve, Andrew and Alwena, Jon and Liz

Apologies: Catharyn and Richard, Fred, Kate

Matters Arising: The main focus of the meeting was to discuss final arrangements for the music festival.

Andrew went through the action points on the plan.

He quoted a bill of £750 to add dessert to the Saturday buffet and this was rejected by the committee.

The French students all want to go bowling, leaving no room for the young Welsh, but maybe most of these would be going home anyway. This left the leisure centre unused, which had been reserved, so Andrew offered to contact the centre to see if some return of the cost could be made.

U Strike will be informed of the numbers and the French tutors will be expected to look after their students. The mature French musicians will be able to use their free time on Saturday afternoon to visit Newtown.

There would be no visit to the football club, as it was too late to make the arrangements.

Cakes have been purchased from Sidoli's in Welshpool, the glasses have been hired and other items bought in readiness for the musicians' freshmen's during the weekend.

Michelle suggested squash as a cheaper alternative to juice, which was a good idea.

Friday: The mayor, Sue Newham, will make a speech at the reception.

Cheryl suggested flip charts for all the activities, which will need to be signed before our visitors went home with their hosts. Kate will make a point in her introduction, encouraging the hosts to ensure this would happen.

The French will need to be made aware of the road closure in order to allow time to get to the High School at 5 o'clock. We will arrive before then at 4.15.

If one coach arrives before the other, it will be best to deal with them and allow them to depart, which will help us with the overall organisation.

Saturday: Steve has prepared, in French, a list and description of all the places that people can visit in and around the town, aiming to encourage visits to the businesses that

support the twinning, like No 1, the Deli and Bank Tea Rooms. He has also said that the Textile Museum will open, should enough people sign up.

Michelle informed us that Bruno had contacted Greg with half the French programme, with the rest to follow shortly.

Cheryl enquired whether Barrie Hoban, from the Hafren Cycling Club, would be going to the meeting on Saturday. He is going to be the guest of honour at the Chrono in 2019.

Sunday: Sue Phillips will speak at the end of the concert, when there will be an exchange of gifts.

All the information about the music will be put on the website.

Walks: The weekend walks will be circular, which will be easier for the coach drivers. Helen, who has designed the walks, has asked that the French should be told the nature of the terrain that will be covered, so that they can come with the right gear.

The next committee meeting will be arranged after the festival.

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