

**Newtown Twinning Committee Meeting Minutes  
Thursday 13th June 2019 6.30 - 8.30pm**

<u>Present:</u>	<u>Apologies:</u>
Kevin Wilson - Chair	Paul Baron
Andrew Gentle - Secretary	Richard Edwards
Cheryl Wilson - Minute Taker	Catharyn Edwards
Liz Bushell	Kate Rayner
Jon Bushell	
Alwena Gentle	
Fred Mathieu	
Steve Page	

**1. Welcome and apologies**

**2. Minutes of last meeting**

- Jon asked that responsibility for music fringe event for food festival be taken out of the remit of the 2020 music EPG and returned to the Food Festival EPG. **Agreed**
- See any other business regarding request for 20th Anniversary clarification.

**3. Agenda:**

Music EPG Update:

- Jon updated re item for 5th July. Jon and Liz will attend this event to highlight twinning event. Thanks given to Jon and Liz.
- Next meeting 27th June: Agenda at this meeting will seek confirmation of travel dates so that advertising can get underway.

Chrono update:

- several groups from Hafren Cycling Club are attending. They are making their own applications and so no help required from Twinning in this respect.
- Cyclists would like accommodation to be arranged via the Twinning for two families, each of three people.
- ACTION: Fred and Andrew to liaise re details so that Fred can make contact and arrange.

Walking Festival Update:

- Agreed as the walking festival committee have not yet met to review, this will be moved to next months agenda. Andrew and Alwena are attending the review as they were walk leaders and so will bring info back to this meeting.

Food Festival EPG update:

- This meeting hasn't met since last committee so only one progress update. Are the committee happy for the pitch to be sited in same place as last year. well situated as next door to the demonstration tent where the council to council presentation/afternoon tea will take place.  
**Agreed.**

- **Action:** Meeting with chair of Food Festival Committee will take place and pitch will be booked and paid for.

#### Carnival Review:

- Unfortunately a loss was made, third year running! committee asked to consider how best to promote Twinning at such an event without making a loss.
- Steve suggested we explore having a float in the procession and theme this Welsh and French. All agreed an excellent idea.
- **Action:** Steve to explore and bring back to committee.
- **Action:** Everyone to think about links they may have with farmers to obtain vehicle and trailer for float.

#### Annual Dinner Update:

Booked for 19th October at Wagon and Horses.

**Action:** Andrew to liaise regarding layout of the two set menus (vegetarian & non vegetarian)

#### Twining Picnic:

- Advertised on website for 21st July. Bring and Share as usual. However, the additional activity of archery lessons will be free of charge to guests as the Twinning will pay for this.
- **Action:** Andrew to highlight in email to all members and contacts that picnic is for members and associate contacts as a way of bringing annually everyone together. Andrew to highlight that this year they will have added bonus of free archery lessons from trained archery instructor.

#### Student Visit:

- Alwena has secured placements with No1 High Street, Bank Tea Rooms, Duos and one other cafe.
- Hosts were identified at last meeting as Jon and Liz, Kate, Andrew & Alwena. This may change.
- One issue raised by Kate during the discussion with the family, which the committee agreed needed further clarification before this placement could be progressed.
- **Action:** Fred to speak with Kate and if necessary then to have direct conversation with the young person and her parents.

#### Rugby 2020:

- Andrew advised that he needs to secure payment of 50 tickets with the rugby club link. All but three sold.

#### French Film Night:

- Agreed four nights between October and February better than just the two as proving very popular.
- Suggested that we change the name to French Film Season - Agreed.
- Suggested we look at selling tickets as a block so all four are paid for at a reduced price to add incentive of course - Agreed
- **Action:** Liz to explore the dates for October, November, January and February and look at design advertising with Kevin.

#### Italian Twinning Request:

- Request has been received.
- Agreed this would be appropriate to explore due to the historical link with many Italians settling here post war.
- **Action:** Kevin as deputy chair to make further enquiries

Invitation received to TC public meeting 18th June. No-one available to attend.

Finance: Invoices as part of end of year grant from TC has hit an obstacle.

**Action:** Fred to check with TC to ensure monies not lost.

#### Twining Magazine:

- Through Liz's contacts she can get a 350 magazines printed for £500. Securing 21/23 adverts at £30 each would meet the printing costs.

- **Action:** Liz to join the Policy & Procedures Sub Committee (which is presently on hold until after the work has been concluded by the food festival EPG) as this group has responsibility for managing subscriptions and corporate membership, which overlaps with advertising.

A.O.B:

1. AGM booked for Thursday 25th July at 7pm at the Eli. Table booked for 8.30 for social meal for committee members.

- **Action:** So far those confirmed include: Steve, Jon, Liz, Andrew, Alwena, Fred. Can everyone else let Cheryl know please? Cheryl & Kevin can't attend as away.
- Cheryl asked for clarification on what was agreed re 20th anniversary gifts.
- **Action:** Cheryl to check with Richard if Bench has been booked at the revised cost he advised of £400 and will the council make two plaques, so we can send one back with the French committee for them to use on a bench or as a wall mount. Will the council fund both.
- Suggestion from Alwena re adding a hardback photobook agreed.
- **Action:** Kevin to create the phonebook via Jessops online system.
- **Action:** All to dig out photos they have from over the years and give to Kevin so he can include in book.

**Date of next meeting**

Thursday 25th July @ 6.30pm Eli alongside AGM and social meal.

**Apologies in advance:** Cheryl & Kevin as away