

**Newtown Twinning Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday 28th August 2019 6.30 - 8.30pm**

<u>Present:</u>	<u>Apologies:</u>
Kate Rayner- Chair	Fred Mathieu
Andrew Gentle - Secretary	Did not attend;
Cheryl Wilson - Minute Taker	Richard Edwards
Liz Bushell	Cathryn Edwards
Jon Bushell	
Alwena Gentle	
Steve Page	
Kevin Wilson	
Paul Baron	

**1. Welcome and apologies:** see above

**2. Minutes of last meeting**

- All agreed

**3. Agenda:**

**Food Festival EPG Update:**

- Kate updated group on meeting she and Andrew had with Town Clerk this week due to a misunderstanding regarding the Welcome Reception scheduled for Thursday 5th September. Unfortunately when Richard was presenting the discussions in NTA committee meetings, he missed seeking approval for this reception. The Town Clerk explained that he was unable to agree to such funds without full council approval and because of the afternoon tea reception hosted by the TC, he felt they would have in fact declined approval.

**Decisions:** NTA agreed that we must continue with this reception, albeit scaled down, and that the NTA would fund this. The Town Mayor will however still attend and give a welcome speech.

**Welcome Reception Actions:** Steve to buy wine for reception. Cheryl to collect and chip in advance. for those who have cool boxes, to bring on Thursday to hold chilled wines. Kate to buy glasses for event.

- All to arrive for 3.30pm on Thursday to set up for reception. Full itinerary as provided by Andrew.

**Actions:** NTA Committee minute taker, prior to any scheduled Town Council Committee Meetings, to produce update with extracts relevant to Town Council and to forward to Town Clerk and Richard Edwards as NTA Council liaison link.

- Cheryl verbally updated the meeting with regards to FF EPG progress. Please see EPG minutes of meetings on website for details.

**Actions:** Jon and Liz to take photos of cycling groups, music groups. Some hosts will help out when Steve and Alwena are singing with the community choir and therefore away from the French Village.

- Jon and Liz to promote Music event and annual dinner at Food Festival.

**Music update:**

- As agreed previously this EPG will be managed by the full committee post the food festival.
- Jon updated committee that talks have taken place with regards to available funding streams to support young people participating in such events abroad. Some funding streams can be accessed by the NTA committee and some are appropriate for music groups to apply. Michelle has therefore been informed and information given and Liz is applying to the most appropriate on behalf of the NTA. Liz and Jon explored with one community choir member if the group attending in 2020 would be feasible. Agreed this needs further exploration via the NTA and as two NTA committee members (Steve & Alwena) are members of the community choir, this needs progressing via them.

**Actions:** Alwena and Steve to discuss participation in 2020 event with choir leader.

- Jon and Liz to promote this event at future events, including Food Festival and Annual Dinner.

**Chrono:**

- No update for this meeting.

**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) and check with venue if menu is to remain the same as previously agreed

- Andrew to email all on list to check who is attending new date and who else is interested.
- Speaker is confirmed.
- Andrew will hand over to Cheryl prior to him leaving for his holiday.
- Cheryl to then follow up to confirm above arrangements.
- All to produce small items for raffle. Kate offered to produce hamper as main prize.

**Rugby 2020:**

- All arranged transport from airport, rugby tickets and transport to Cardiff and return journeys.

**French Film Season:**

- Liz and Jon have chosen four films and produced a flyer. PLEASE NOTE: post the meeting changes needed to be made so details to not available in minutes but will be available when marketing at Food Festival.
- Liz and Jon as agreed by chair purchased glasses for use at film nights and any other such events we host.
- **Action:** Liz and Jon to promote at Food Festival and Annual Dinner.

**A.O.B:**

none.

**Date of next meeting**

Wednesday 11th September @ 6.30pm Eli

***Additional note from minute taker:***

*No information from this meeting needs to be extracted and sent to Town Council Clerk and representative*