



Committee Meeting of Tuesday the 8th of October 2019

Held at the Elephant and Castle at 6.30 pm

1 Welcome from Kevin, who took the chair in place of Kate.

Apologies from Kate, Cheryl, Fred, Richard, Paul and Newton.

Attended by: Kevin, Liz, Jon, Andrew, Steve, Michelle, Sue, Geoff and Robin.

Previous minutes were accepted as correct by Kevin. Andrew requested a set for the website.

2 Robin Midgley, head of music at the High School has joined the committee and will be our link with the school.

Newton Brown, Enterprise Coordinator at the college, is mounting a talent competition at the college, the winners of which will go on the trip. They have funding for this venture. It is unclear at the moment whether the winning act will perform in France or simply accompany us. Newton is experiencing some difficulty in raising interest among the college staff to help him.

Action: We may be able to talk to staff to lend backing.

3 Jon confirmed dates and details of the trip. We are still unsure about the timing of the 20 years celebration and what form it will take.

Action: Liz will contact Marie-Thé and suggest Saturday morning, with a promise that we can leave by midday.

We booked 12 places at the college for the college students, but Andrew will confirm this when he contacts Marie-Thé.

Hopefully, we shall have numbers of places on the trip by the end of October to give to Owen's Coaches.

We shall look to taking deposits by December.

Little has been confirmed yet about the music from Les Herbiers.

4 After discussion, it would appear that there are five possible groupings of musicians from Wales wishing to perform in France. These will be drawn from MYM, the Silver Band, Hafren Choir and the college. A possible clash with the MWO has been noted, which could reduce our already depleted number of string players.

Action: Sue has agreed to be a liaison 'officer' between Bruno and Greg and will contact Bruno with our questions.

5 Numbers: Committee members will form part of the final numbers, as will parents and other closely associated parties. This will increase the overall number going, but a wider group of people, not necessarily belonging to the twinning fraternity, should be encouraged to participate, stressing the more light hearted side of doing this trip.

Robin made the important point, that musicians would be more likely to be interested, if they could be guaranteed a slot of time in the programme. A suggested slot would be ten minutes, that would make the programme quite diverse in its makeup.

Action: We shall press Les Herbiere with our own needs, by making a programme of our own. This will prompt Bruno into agreeing the 'who' and the 'what' for the concert.

Action: Liz to phone Mike Owen with the possibility of taking two coaches.

Action: Jon and Liz will design flyers and posters, stressing the fun side of the trip. Andrew will send out a new letter with the flyer to everyone on the mailing list.

6 The trip needs to be publicised beyond the association and musicians. Walking Newtown may be interested.

Action: Liz will write an article for the County Times and local newsletters. Information will also be put onto the My Newtown and Mid-Wales websites.

7 The committee will need a general meeting to cover other issues. This will be on the 7th of November at 7.30 pm.

The next music meeting will take place on Tuesday the 12th of November at 6.45 pm.

8 At 20, the final numbers for the Annual Dinner, on the 19th of October, are disappointing. With the change in date, people now have commitments elsewhere.

Actions: Andrew will contact Neil at the Waggon and Horses to reserve 20 spaces rather than a whole room, with the menu that had been agreed.

Andrew will contact Stuart Owen, our speaker. It may not be appropriate to ask him to deliver a speech in a room half filled with other diners, but he and his wife may still wish to come.

Confirmation will be sent to all who made menu choices.

There will be no raffle on this occasion and payment for the meal will be taken on the door.

9 Kevin will write to Newton for the most up to date details.

