

Newtown Twinning Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday 7th November 2019 7.30 - 9pm

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

1. Welcome and apologies: see above

2. Minutes of last meeting held on 11th September, 2019

- Not issued due to a bereavement: discussion focussed solely on reviewing the French Village in the annual Food Festival. The French Village this year was overall a success.
- Actions only summarised below:
- Actions:
 1. Signage to be reviewed by EPG for Marketing and Promotion.
 2. Kate to check with Fred regarding float given to MT to recover monies if necessary.
 3. Kate to send Thank You letters to producers involved in French Village.
 4. Kate to write to High School.
 5. Agreed next FF EPG would organise one evening event maximum.
 6. Any Fringe Events should be arranged for before the French Visitors arrived so as not to blur the boundaries.
 7. Walks for next year will include historical, easy/moderate (David Markwell) and challenging (Cheryl Wilson)

3. Agenda items for this meeting:

Chrono Event:

- All went well. Hafren riders were all hosted by Twinning families, so Newtown Twinning Association were able to show support to riders again this year.
- The young welsh rider did very well as he came in top twenty as hoped.
- Actions:
 1. Policy and Procedures Sub Committee to agree this event needs to be addressed in the corporate membership so as to recognise the support both twinning associations provide Hafren riders.

Annual Dinner update:

- Food and Venue excellent.
- Good speaker. Subject matter very interesting as focussed on Open Spaces Planning for Newtown community.

Action:

1. Seeking payments in advance via deposit at least.

French Film Season Update:

- next one arranged for Friday 15th November.
- Apologies from Cheryl & Kevin

Actions:

1. Wine stocks are good
2. Beers available for this next evening also.
3. Thanks to Steve who has confirmed he is happy to continue being responsible for French Film Evening nibbles. Agreed budget for each film night will be £15.
4. Liz and Jon have distributed flyers for event in the town and gave out spares for further distribution.

2020 Music Exchange Update:

- Next meeting for this EPG is Tuesday 12th November.
- Apologies from Liz and Jon.
- Discussions with Les Herbiers Twinning has highlighted significant organisational difficulties with regards to the French Twinning Committee wishing to include the 20th anniversary celebrations in France on the same evening as the music concert. Les Herbiers Chair confirmed that Saturday morning is not possible for anniversary celebrations.
- Husband to Chair of Les Herberiers Twinning to lead a walk of Nant for any Welsh visitors not involved in music rehearsals.

Actions:

1. As Liz is minute taker for this EPG, volunteer needed for Tuesdays meeting. Cheryl offered.
2. Andrew to email all external members of Music EPG to ensure date not missed.
3. Fred to contact chair of Les Herbiers Twinning to outline the difficulties with including a full dinner after the concert due to children being amongst the musicians and this therefore being too much for everyone. Plea to be made to chair that we would appreciate any celebrations being held on Saturday morning.
4. Fred to update Kate in advance of Tuesdays meeting.
5. Meeting next week to canvass views of musicians.

Rugby 2020:

Actions:

1. Fred to send to treasurer for Les Herbiers Twinning our bank details so that monies for trip can be paid in. Additional amount for French Bus drivers accommodation at our Food Festival as payment was missed.

Financial Update:

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- Balance sheet from Newtown Town Council also outlined. Outstanding amount available from Newtown Town Council to be applied to put towards coach trip for 2020 music exchange.
- Meeting was reminded that 22 children will be subsidised by Twinning Association funds which significantly highlights the remit of the Twinning Associations aims and objectives as supporting the local community.
- Named committee members authorised to sign cheques need updating. Agreed new list of authorised members able to sign cheques will be:
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 - Kate Rayner
 - Andrew Gentle
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 - Steve Page

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2. Those who are new to signing cheques to visit bank to show ID and have bank records updated and authorised.

A.O.B:**Next Years Walking/Open Air Festival:**

- Note change in event title as remit will extend beyond walking in future events.
- Cycling, canoeing, running etc will be included.
- Date for next year is 6/7th June.
- Andrew and Alwena are leading walks.

Action

1. Everyone make a note of date to be available if possible.

Food Festival Open Public Meeting

- Open meeting will take place on 14th November at 7pm.

Action:

1. Andrew & Kate to attend as representatives of Newtown Twinning

Date of next meeting

Thursday 30th January @ 7pm at the Eli

Additional note from minute taker:

Information relevant to Town Council from this meeting as highlighted below to be sent to Town Council Clerk and Town Council Twinning representative

Extract from above minutes:

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