

Newtown Twinning Association

Minutes of Committee Meeting

17th January 2024 at The Sportsman 7pm

Present: Kate Rayner: Chair Andrew Gentle – Secretary Tracy Owen (Town Council link) Cheryl Wilson Kevin Wilson- treasurer Alwena Gentle	Apologies: Jessica Markwell
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1. Welcome and Apologies.

2. Minutes of previous meeting agreed.

3. Safeguarding.

Action: none

4. Treasurers Report

Activities in terms of banking is all related to the upcoming music visit to Les Herbiers so the figures are changing as deposits are being made to the account.

Action: Andrew to send Kevin the spreadsheet of everyone attending and Kevin to spreadsheet who has paid what amount.
Kevin to return spreadsheet to Andrew and Kate before the next music sub group this coming Monday.

5. Annual Dinner

Agreed we all want to support the work of the students at the college and will approach the college to agree a date for a Tuesday in June.

Action: Cheryl to approach the college to secure a date and request a French theme menu.

6 AGM 2024

Booked for 29th February at 6.30pm at The Sportsman

Action: Andrew to advertise via the website

7 Food Festival 2024

We are unclear if our French twinning partners will be able to visit this year because of the Olympics being held in France. We are waiting for confirmation from MT. Once we know we can then decide if we go ahead should they decide not to attend.

Action: To be on future agenda and if it does go ahead planning not to take place until after the music event.

8 Music exchange visit April 2024

Kate asked if the committee were happy to ask Andrew as secretary to join the music sub group and to invite the reps from each music group. Agreed.

Andrew updated meeting on coach travel and that ferry crossing is booked. Costs for this leg came in at £2,980 for two coaches. Costs for the remainder of the travel is yet to be finalised.

We agreed a gift needs to be sourced for the French Committee as thanks for hosting.

Action:

Andrew to email the mailing list to advertise the remaining 20 places at a first come first serve basis. After this the advertising will be extended to others via the website.

Alwena to purchase the agreed gift and send invoice to Kevin for reimbursement.

Kate to inform the music group that NTA will provide a gift and that each music group will not be expected to do the same.

9 Welsh National Anthem

Agreed this item needs to be addressed at the music sub group and discussed with the music reps as the choir singing this will be well received by our French friends.

Action: Kate to raise at next weeks sub group meeting.

10 Update on enquiry from Amilie, tutor at La Louisiere.

Kevin is waiting for a response from Amilie as it is their choice where in the world their students choose to visit via the Erasmus project. We all agreed we would be very happy to host another group of young people and arrange appropriate engagements during their stay as previously undertaken.

Action: Kevin to update committee once Amilie takes this forward.

11 Film Night

All in hand. Jessica has contacted everyone regarding who is doing what on the evening.

Action: none

12 Twinning Exhibition for January update

It was not possible to display the various gifts and memorabilia from France in January.

Action: Andrew to give the remaining items to Tracy to have stored along with the other items already in storage at the Town Council

Displaying these items to be considered at future minutes post April.

13 Town Council Update

Tracy confirmed the annual budget for Twinning had been raised by £500 per annum which was very much appreciated by the committee.

Action: Kevin to submit report to Town Council as outlined in the MoU.

Tracy to pass our thanks to the Town Council for this much needed budget increase.

14 Increasing Twinning Profile

This is presently being managed via the Music Visit and a future project in Spring of 2024, see below in AOB

15 AOB

Twining Beer Festival in Les Herbiers is being planned by the French Committee and to involve all of their Twinning partners which include Wales, Spain and Germany.

The proposal is for each Twinning Committee to secure three local breweries to participate in this beer festival.

Action: As soon as the music visit has concluded planning for this event to be prioritised to secure three breweries and participants wanting to attend the trip.

Date of Next meeting:

Date: 29th February 2024

Time: 7pm after AGM

Venue: Sportsman

Present Standing Agenda Items

- **Safeguarding issues**
- **Treasurers Report Update**
- **Town Council Representative Update**
- **Increasing Twinning profile**

Minutes written by Cheryl Wilson

Date: 18th January 2024