



Newtown Twinning Association
Elephant and Castle 6.30 pm 18th April 2018

Present: Alwena, Andrew, Kate, Kevin, Cheryl, Steve, Liz and Jon.
Joined by Michelle later. Eirlys and John invitees.

Absent: Catharyn, Richard, Paul and Fred.

Matters Arising: Andrew had been contacted by the County Times, interested in doing a double page spread over the music festival and the Cup Final in France between Les Herbiers and Paris St Germain. He had been phoned up by several news agencies, on account of our twinning connection with LH.

Erasmus Review: Cheryl went through her work on the review, which will be posted on the website for everyone to read.

The overall feedback had been extremely positive, with any shortcomings clearly stated. Measures to address these would be put in place.

Generally, as the first exchange, it had been very successful and we could look forward to further Erasmus exchanges taking place in the future.

We should be looking to encourage other businesses to take part.

Brexit shouldn't be a problem at this stage.

Kevin suggested that Fred could start planning next year's exchange, with no more than eight students taking part. Russell George could promote Erasmus a political level and maybe we should contact Glyn Davies, too.

Steve felt that everyone involved should be proud of their achievements, especially as was not, as a rule, something that other twinning organisations were doing.

Music: Coach 2 activities can be presented and signed for at Friday night's reception.

Michelle gave her update on the music. Discussions had been taking place between Bruno and Greg. In order for **Saturday** evening to run smoothly, which is designed to be sociable and informal, Michelle is going to prepare a programme for the Welsh and French to follow.

There will be an exchange of presents, speeches after the Maldwyn and French Strings have played, with food at 8.00 pm. At 9.00 pm Ffonic will take the stage and then Fred can give a vote of thanks at the end of the evening.

On **Sunday** evening, which will start at 7.00 pm, the interval will have to be extended to 30 minutes to allow for the sale of refreshments. There will be no movement during the concert for sales, but if people want a drink on arrival, they will be on sale in the entrance.

We shall need a full register of both Welsh and French children.

Sue Newham will make a welcome speech and Kate will liaise. There will be no compère and either Sue Phillips or Greg will give a vote of thanks.

AOB: Liz brought in the ship, which had been a gift from the French Committee and asked for a special place to be found to display it.

Next Meeting: 6.00 pm at the Sportsman on Monday 23rd.

Dated:

Signed: