

NEWTOWN TWINNING ASSOCIATION

16TH JULY 2018

ELEPHANT & CASTLE

PRESENT: Catharyn, Fred, Paul, Steve, Kate, Cheryl, Kevin, Andrea, Alwena, Liz, Jon

APOLOGIES: Richard, Roy Norris

WELCOME: Catharyn welcomed everyone to the meeting.

MATTERS ARISING:

Music Exchange

This will take place at Easter in 2020, which will give everyone time to prepare and organise. Hopefully all will dovetail with the French. Fred will contact them with our details. Liz & Jon asked if NTA could help to raise funds to back the expenses of the musicians going to France. This met with approval with the idea that our Food Festival Fringe Music Concert could help towards it.

Food Festival

Marie-The has confirmed that 10 French will come in 2 minibuses. They will arrive mid-afternoon on Thursday and leave on Monday morning.

The Beekeepers can't come this year but we will have local beekeepers in a tent next to ours.

The coffee producer can't come. If we wish to prepare coffee on site we would have to source the equipment.

We will not have live music in our tent as no musicians are available.

The Fringe Charity Concert at the Elephant & Castle on Thursday evening has been confirmed.

Everyone asked to promote it.

Chrono

The twinning committees of Les Herbiers and Newtown have been invited to the Celtic Evening on Friday. Since deciding to cancel the coach some people have shown an interest in going (Maldwyn Strings). Cheryl pointed out that future trips need to be promoted well in advance through fund-raising events. We can promote the Jum Regal and get as many as possible to go – councillors, musicians etc. Re Chrono, we could go in a minibus but would need to investigate all local minibus firms. Cheryl said that we could promote the Chrono jointly with the Hafren Cycling Club in the future, raising funds together.

Storage

Liz had not had any joy with the Town Council over the storage of our chairs and fridges. Andrew suggested asking the Renshaws if they would mind storing them for us and have the freedom to use them themselves.

Penstrowed Picnic

Geoff will be playing for us. We shall be there at 1pm to set up. Everyone invited to bring their boules for a game of petanque. Now we need to contact all and invite them to the picnic.

AOB

Liz was encouraged to go ahead and organise a Film Night in October or November.

Next Meeting: Wed 15th August at 6pm at the Sportsman's.

This meeting was then concluded and a Special General Meeting followed.

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Catharyn was thanked for her time as Chairperson since the reformed association began.

The election of officers took place and the following posts were agreed:

Chair	Kate Rayner
Vice Chair	Kevin Hood Wilson
Secretary	Andrew Gentle
Vice Secretary	Cheryl Wilson
Treasurer	Fred Mathieu
Minute Secretary	Catharyn Edwards
Membership Sec	Steve Page
Publicity/Transport	Jon & Liz Bushell

Fred wondered about fundraising being a specialist role but we all agreed to share responsibility for this. Steve suggested that the business cards of our sponsors could be taken to the Chrono.

There being no further business the meeting was closed.