



**Newtown Twinning Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday 25th October 2018 / 1830**

Present:

Kevin Wilson – Deputy Chair
Andrew Gentle - Secretary
Catharyn Edwards - Minute Taker
Cheryl Wilson
Alwena Gentle
Paul Baron
Steve Page
Richard Edwards

Apologies:

Kate Raynor - Chair
Frederic Mathieu – Treasurer
Liz Bushell
Jon Bushell

Agenda Items

1. Welcome, apologies and minutes
2. Jum'Regal 2018 Preparations – Progress and updates
3. Erasmus 2019 Preparations – Progress and updates
4. Chrono 2018 Review
5. Food festival 2018 Review
6. French Film Soiree – Friday 2nd November
7. Music Exchange 2020 Preparations – progress and updates
8. Educational Links
9. Newtown Walking Festival 2019 Preparations
10. Social Evening – November 9th
11. Website – progress and updates
12. Any Other Business
13. Date for Next Meeting

1. Minutes of Last Meeting

- It was noted that there were two errors on the last minutes; the date of the meeting was the 13th not the 15th and Llandysul Wines attending Jum'Regal but their Agents, Montys Beer.

2. Jum'Regal 2018 Preparations

The Discussion/update notes attached to the Agenda were discussed and the following actions agreed:

- A meeting is now required to review the travelers' information form (dietary requirements, etc.). Action: **Cheryl to proofread the current form in advance of the meeting.**
- More press coverage is required ASAP; Actions: **Liz to contact all the local press points and Andrew to get in touch with Craig Duggan (BBC). Andrew and Paul also to continue promoting on Social Media. All committee members to talk to potential travelers face to face to encourage interest. Andrew to distribute a list. Committee also need to encourage as many local producers and NLTC members to sign up and/or promote the trip on our behalf.**
- Posters are now on the NLTC poster boards in the town centre.
- There are currently 28 confirmed bookings for the coach (including the NPTC students)
- We require information from all suppliers to estimate the weight of produce to calculate if this may affect carriage on the coach.
- NPTC students – there are currently 40 applicants for the student places on the trip. Application forms should be received tomorrow with interviews to be scheduled and completed after the half-term break.
- **Food Festival Committee and NLTC to be contacted via Richard Edwards to see if any members wish to support, promote and/or sign up for the trip.**
- **Richard to recontact/encourage response from Coco Pzzaz as they have been slow to respond; possibly the same with Sarah Bunton's Chocolates** (Cheryl to try her again first and let Richard know if she still does not get a response).
- Andy's Bread – suggestion that this trip would be more practical as a link building project rather than a combination of this and selling produce.
- Marie- The has requested photos/images of the produce to be sent over. **Kevin to take lead in getting images and forward them on.**
- The Reception on Friday will now be on 1800 allowing time to fit in the programme of events already scheduled for the journey down. Advice from France is to encourage all travelers to either have breakfast on the ferry or prepare a breakfast to have on the coach to allow more time at Mont Saint Michel.
- Advice from France is that due to difficulties finding appropriate host families (and length of days involved), this trip is not suitable for small children.
- Cheryl to start going round local producers again regarding crafts for the Christmas Table/sale.
- Club Sport have a range of Welsh Hoodies that may be of interest for our sales assistants and/or as part of the craft table display.
- **Kevin to request the dimensions of the Christmas Table from Marie-The**

3. Erasmus 2019 Preparations

The Discussion/update notes attached to the Agenda were discussed and the following noted:

- Dates need to be chased as these have not been confirmed yet; possibly the beginning of March?
- Up to 8 students expected.

- Paul is TEFL trained.

4. Chrono Review 2018

- Richard advised that if financial support is required for young riders in future it would be possible for the cycling group to apply to NLTC for support from the Community Fund.
- Richard also noted that the Tour of Britain is coming through Montgomery and Kerry next year and wondered if this might be an opportunity to promote the Chrono trip(s).

5. Food Festival Review

- Both musicians and beekeepers have expressed an interest in next year's festival.
- Andrew advised bottles of wine only should be used next year (not boxes) to improve quality and storage.
- Chef Demonstration tent – A discussion was held on the possibility of incorporating wine tastings or French produce into demonstrations on the Saturday to ensure availability and time for sales of produce afterwards.
- Committee agreed to add planning for the Food Festival 2019 onto agendas from February 2019 onwards.

6. French Film Soiree

- **Action: In Fred's absence Liz and Jon to be asked if they can pick up the wine glasses from Tesco.**

7. Music Exchange 2020

- Still waiting on confirmation from Bruno, but preferred date from Michelle is the 17th April, however this will depend on availability of the Theatre.

8. Educational Links

The Discussion/update notes attached to the Agenda were discussed.

9. Walking Festival

- Marie-The to see if there is an interest in a group visit for this festival.

10. Social Evening – November 9th at The Bank Cottage

- **Andrew to circulate menu. We will need to confirm numbers ASAP.**

11. Website (and Social Media)

- Andrew advised committee of log in details for Social Media accounts (Twitter, Facebook and Instagram).
- The website has now been tidied up but the front page needs updating. **Action: All committee to think of ideas and search own photos for potential good quality images that could be used for it. Any ideas/photos to be forwarded to Andrew.**

12. Any Other Business

- Committee needs to review Corporate Membership and CM application forms. **Action: To be added to the agenda after the Jum'Regal.**

- **Privacy Policy: Andre and Kevin to finalise wording of the policy and circulate to the committee.**

13. Date for Next Meeting:

It was agreed the next meeting will be specifically to discuss the forthcoming Jum'Regal Trip only.

Date for Next meeting:

Date: 08/11/18

Time: 1830

Venue: The Elephant and Castle Hotel, Newtown.

Agenda items from this meeting /forwarded to next meeting:/

Jum'Regal preparations.