

Newtown Twinning Association

Music EPG Minutes

Held at Swallow Barn June 27th 2019 6.30 pm

1 Jon welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies for absence were received from Fred.

2 **Review of the agenda** for the Music Festival in Les Herbiers.

Kate had sent word that the 20 year celebrations for the twinning had been changed to the Friday night, but we do not have written confirmation of that. This may mean that the celebration will form part of the concert.

It was decided to stick with the idea of sailing overnight on the way back home. We agreed that this would be a] more restful, b] it would not necessitate parents getting up in the middle of the night to pick up their children in Newtown c] we could drop off for a further visit somewhere on the way to Caen, though this would depend on whether Marie-Thé moves the 20 year celebration back to Saturday.

Action: Liz will write to Marie-Thé to inform her of our decision to take the night crossing. She can, in turn, let us know when she would prefer to time the 20 year celebration plans.

3 **Assessment of Numbers**

Michelle confirmed that there had been a rise in interest, but no further commitment. She and Sue were aware that the best time to put pressure on the musicians would be from September onwards.

Parents need to be reassured that their youngsters would be well looked after. Sue asked who would be in charge of the hosting arrangements, so that musicians could be hosted by musicians, as in 2018.

Geoff had been unable to get any of Ffonic to commit to the trip, except that about three musicians would prefer to fly. It was the general consensus that although a flight was quick, the travel to and from the airports was no shorter and less interesting than travel by coach.

Geoff was not going to give up hope on getting musicians together for the trip.

Action: Jon and Liz will attend the concert on July 5th at Welshpool High School to promote the trip and answer any questions. They will create a flyer for the occasion.

Kevin will liaise with Andrew on the design of other promotion flyers/posters.

Liz will ask about hosting when she writes to Marie-Thé.

4 **Other interested parties**

Sue felt that we need to be prepared to take two coaches, as she felt that a twenty year celebration may attract more people into going.

Action: Sue is going to contact Gloria Ellis on the subject of taking a choir.

5 **Food Festival Fringe Event**

Geoff confirmed that Ffonic will perform on the Friday night at Monty's. The Twmpath will attract whole families and the only cost would be for the caller, who is exceptionally good when children are present and also helps disabled guests to take part.