

## **Newtown Twinning Committee AGM**

**Sunday 27th September. Dolerw Park working within Covid 19 restrictions.**

Present:

Kevin Wilson. Vice Chair. Chairing AGM on behalf of Kate Rayner.  
Andrew Gentle. Secretary  
Cheryl Wilson. Vice Secretary & Minute Taker  
Alwena Gentle. Welsh Translator & link with Welsh Magazine publication.  
Fred Mathieu. Treasurer & French Translator  
Jon Bushell. Travel liaison  
Steve Page. Membership Secretary.  
Liz Bushell. Press Officer & Deputy Minute Taker  
John & Alex Spencer. Members  
David Markwell. Member  
Diane Reynolds. Member.

Apologies:

Kate Rayner. Chair  
Paul Barron. Photographer for Social Media & French translator  
Liz & Bob Davies. Members  
Jessica Markwell. Member

Agenda:

1. The chair welcomed everyone in attendance to the AGM held outdoors due to Covid restrictions. Above apologies confirmed.
2. Chair advised that as minutes of previous AGM were discussed at subsequent committee and no follow up queries received from members, this AGM will confirm the minutes as correct.
3. Chairs report from Kate Rayner was read out loud. Please see attached report.
4. Treasurers Report:

Fred updated all present that the main funding comes from Newtown Town Council, usually 2k, specifically awarded to support Twinning activities.  
Further income is raised via fund raising activities. This last year included Wales v France Rugby in February. However, all further fund raising and community activities were cancelled due to Covid 19 restrictions.

Deposits for the music exchange were received prior to Covid 19 restrictions. Following the postponement of this trip all refunds were given to members. Funding awarded by Newtown Town Council to support music visit to Les Herbiers was not used. However, discussions pending with regards to this being carried over to 2021/22 funding.

Balance to date now stands at £1960

5. Election of Committee members & roles:

All members were re-elected.

Fred stood down as treasurer and Kevin was elected (seconded by David Markwell). Fred will remain on the committee & maintain his role as French translator. Fred was thanked for his input which has been long-standing.

All remaining roles continued without change & were seconded by David Markwell, Cheryl Wilson, Andrew Gentle & Kevin Wilson.

Cathryn Edwards has resigned her role on the committee due to personal reasons. The committee thanked her for her input and wished her well with the pending new addition to her family.

Richards Edwards has resigned his position as representative for Town Council on Newtown Twinning Committee. Richards replacement has yet to be allocated due to Covid 19 and certain council business pending. Richard was thanked for his input on the committee.

#### 6. AOB:

6a) Finance: once Town Council representative has been allocated, meetings will be arranged to discuss the processing and management of annual Twinning funding. Discussions will include the allocated monies from the Town Council budget to fund a finger post which Newtown Twinning Committee formally disagreed with.

6b) Insurance: on hold due to a Covid 19.

6c). Website charge reduced to £200 this year and no further charge for the remaining year.

6d). Officers named as signatories for the Twinning bank will be Kate, Andrew, Kevin & Steve. Cathryn, Val & Fred will be removed. Action: Andrew.

6e). Suggestions requested for increased activities online during a Covid 19 restrictions.

#### 7. Date of next committee meeting.

Week beginning 30th November. Specific date, time & venue to be confirmed once we know what restrictions are in place late November/early December.

Cheryl Wilson  
Vice Secretary