

Newtown Twinning Association

Minutes of Meeting

21<sup>st</sup> October 2021 at The Elephant and Castle, Newtown

Present:

Kate Rayner: Chair

Kevin Wilson: Deputy Chair

Andrew Gentle: Secretary

Cheryl Wilson: Deputy Secretary (and minute taker)

Alwena Gentle

David Markwell

Paul Harry

Tracy Owen: Newtown Council Representative

Apologies:

Steve Page

Fred Mathieu

Jon Bushel

Liz Bushel

**1. Minutes of last meeting (23/09/21):**

Agreed

**2. Matters arising from minutes not on agenda:**

**2.1 Bank Account:** BACS process underway, but process is very slow!

Action: Kevin to continue to liaise with the bank until process complete.

**2.2 French Lessons enquiry:** No feedback as yet from Steve, Jon or Liz following any of their enquiries.

Action: Andrew to contact Steve, Jon and Liz for update and to contact enquirer with any information obtained.

**2.3 Quiz Evening:** Very successful and enjoyable. The quiz itself was historically based in and around Les Herbiers which created meaningful and interesting conversations and debates.

Suggestions that our next quiz follows the same lines and is historically based in and around Newtown.

Suggestion that historical publications sold in Newtopia could be used for the material for the quiz questions. These publications could then form a future gift for Les Herbiers.

Action: none set as yet. Dates/purchases to be agreed at a future meeting.

**2.4 Council Twinning budget update:** Tracy explained conversations with Ed have taken place and he will be checking the legalities of paying the budget at the beginning of each financial year. Tracy explained this process is not unusual as such arrangements are in place for the food festival budget for example.

Action: Once Full Council have addressed this matter then Kate and Tracy will arrange a meeting involving Tracy, Ed, Kate, Kevin and Andrew.

### **3. Twinning Annual Dinner:**

Andrew explained no update as yet as proprietors on holiday. However, very unlikely to be held in December. Agreed better in January 2022.

Tracy confirmed Stuart is happy to give an after-dinner speech updating diners on the Open Newtown project to date.

Andrew confirmed that 13 responded to his advert on mailing list which is a good number alongside committee members attending. The numbers should allow the association to at least break even.

Action: Andrew to follow up when proprietors have returned from their holiday and report back to next meeting.

### **Film Evenings:**

Andrew confirmed that from mailing list 11 sent confirmation that they would be interested in attending future film nights.

Discussion took place around costs of tickets, wine and nibbles.

#### Decisions:

- Ticket price to be set at £8, which will include one glass of wine and nibbles.
- The person taking money at the door to advise people that if they wish to have a second glass of wine then they can make a donation of £2 to the association funds, bringing the entry charge to £10. How this will be managed for example issuing a raffle type ticket to redeem the extra glass will be discussed at the next meeting.

Action: Andrew to check with the Christian Centre that their venue is still available for hire and to let Jon & Liz know.

Jon & Liz to then set dates for a Friday in both February and March 2022

**Proposed Music Trip to Les Herbiers in April 2023:**

Andrew updated outcomes from initial enquiries made to local groups:

- Robin Mitchley (head of Music in Newtown High School) is very keen to be involved.
- Robin is involved with the local silver band and again suggests they would be very keen.
- Dee Watkin (Secretary for Montgomery Youth Music) is the link person now that Sue and Michelle are no longer involved. Dee will be raising this trip at their next committee meeting.
- The email run did include Greg Llewellyn as he was involved in the previous music evening including arranging music pieces and conducting on the night.

Action: Kevin to contact Newton at the local college to see what interest he can canvass in student group.

Action: This agenda item to be a fixed standing item for each committee meeting.

**AOB:** none

**Date of Next meeting:**

Date: Thursday 9th December

Time: 7pm

Venue: The Sportsman. Andrew to book the snug for one hour

**Agenda items for next meeting:**

- **Film Night**
- **Music Trip**
- **Membership fees**

Cheryl Wilson

26<sup>th</sup> October 2021.