

**Newtown and Llanllwchaiarn Twinning Association**  
**Minutes of Committee Extraordinary Planning Meeting**

**Held 27<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

**Manora at 7.30pm**

<b>Present</b>	<b>Apologies</b>
Andrew Gentle (AG) Kevin Wilson (Chair) (KG) Jessica Markwell (JM) Tracey Owen (TO) Cheryl Wilson (CW) Sarah Welch (SW) Alwena Gentle (AGentle)	Kate Rayner (KR)

**Agenda:**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2025 were read and agreed.

**Matters arising:**

Agreed to move on to Agenda for this meeting as matters arising are covered in this.

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**Review of Social evening:**

All agreed that the event had been very successful.

The layout of the display and tables were discussed and will be ‘tweaked’ at the Sous Pression in France.

The food samples that were provided with the beer tastings were reviewed. The following was agreed to provide at the Sous Pression.

Bara Brith – due to cost it was decided to take shop bought produce for sale at the event (20 in total to be sold at €5 each)

Welsh Cakes – 30 packets to be purchased (to sell at €2 each)

**TO** agreed to purchase the items and deliver on the morning of departure

Crisps – 2 boxes 1 of each flavour (to be sold at €2 a packet).

Chocolate to be sold at €5 per bar.

Pork scratchings – Agreed to no longer include these items.

**AG** to return to Cambrian Butchers.

#### **Feedback from Brewers:**

Any initial problems were highlighted and resolved at the Social Evening in readiness for the visit.

#### **Owen's Travel:**

Owen's Travel have queried whether there will be sufficient capacity on a 35 seater coach for the additional items being taken.

A larger bus would be at a considerable additional cost – agreed to remain committed to the 35 seater vehicle.

**AG** to visit Owen's Coaches tomorrow to check spacing on the bus,

#### **Wine Order:**

Jean Luc has confirmed that he has placed an order at Hyper U for the wine that we will purchase to use at future events.

#### **Repayments:**

All done!

#### **Other issues:**

The bus driver will be hosted in Les Herbiers.

Promotional Information has been received from Gary at the Town Council who would have attended the visit but has commitments with the rebranding of the Council and associated events.

Emergency contact numbers of all those travelling and the system for photo sharing during the visit has been completed.

#### **Additional Agenda:**

##### **Les Herbiers wine for Newtown Food Festival:**

We shall be bringing **back the wine in readiness for the Food Festival.**

**Coach Arrival on departure day:**

The coach will be arriving at Back Lane car park at 11.00 am for the committee and Brewers to load.

All other passengers to arrive at 11.30 am for a prompt departure at 12.00 noon.

The ferry departs at 20.15.

**Sunday at Leisure:**

**AG has received** an update from Mari Thé that Les Caves are closed on Sundays. Agreed to leave the day open as the hosts will be unable to travel on the coach.

**AG** to respond.

**Use of coach regarding visit to Mouchamps:**

We are unable to honour the request to transport the Spanish party due to EU legislation.

**AG** to reply.

We will be leaving Les Herbiers at 9.00am on the Monday morning – to meet at the coach at 8.30am.

**Staffing of the stalls:**

Guy has queried who will be staffing the stalls.

**AG will** confirm that the Committee members and Brewers will be staffing the Newtown stalls.

**Mobility Issues:**

Now resolved.

**Slate Coasters:**

Amby's husband has laser cut a coaster for her to take as a gift for her host. Discussed the possibility of commissioning some for future sales and events once the logo has been redesigned.

**Coach Parking and driver accommodation:**

Details have been received that there will be parking for the coaches situated 300mtrs from the home of the hosts for the Driver.

Goods to be delivered to the venue on Friday morning before the Official Welcome/breakfast meeting at La Mairie.

The Driver will have a day off on Saturday.

There is a query as to how Le Chopp'in will be collecting the Kegs for the evening event.

**Quantity & Prices of goods:**

Agreed. Les Herbiers have offered to provide a float.

Agreed to give a £20.00 donation to Marie Curie to cover 22 daffodil pins for members of the Twinning Group to wear on the visit.

**Date of Next Meeting:**

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2020 5 AT 7.30PM Hafan yr Afon **(Venue now changed to Mount Smithy)**

**Actions:**

<b>Action:</b>	<b>By Whom:</b>
Purchase of Welsh cakes and Bara Brith	TO
Return of Pork Scratchings	AG
Visit to Owen's Travell	AG
Response to Les Herbiers re transport to Mouchamps and transport for Spanish visitors	AG
Response re manning of stalls at the Sous Pression	AG