

Newtown and Llanllwchaiarn Twinning Association

Minutes of Committee Meeting

Held 7th May 2025

The Smithy, Mochdre at 7.30pm

Present	Apologies
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 27th March 2025 were read and agreed.

Matters arising:

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

Agenda:

3. Beer Festival Visit :

- A) All agreed that the visit had been very successful.
In future an inventory will be made of any items we put on the bus to avoid things going missing.
The Brewers had a very successful event with positive feedback.
The journey was very comfortable.
The Bara Brith was a very successful sales item.
- B) **KW** updated on the income and expenditure to date (£101.34.34 loss but this includes the trophy gift and expenses for the pre visit meeting). There are some outstanding finances to complete. We are waiting to receive the invoice from Owen's Coaches.

- C) **AG** has spoken to Owen's regarding the coach driver and is waiting for a written reply.
- D) Waiting for invoice from Liz at No.1 to cover the goods sold.

4. Preparations and progress regarding Food Festival Sept 6th and 7th 2025:

- A) **AG** to send **KW** the application form and Bacs details for the application and payment.
- B) We are waiting for confirmation of the size of the marquee as the usual size that we have had in the past is not available. **AG** to confirm with Geoff.
- C) Discussed the limit on French imports as a result of the Foot & Mouth issue and possible ways we can support the visitors sourcing their produce. We could possibly supply from the UK.
- D) The new tables and chairs have been purchased. It was queried what to do with the old furniture – they could possibly be sold – **CW** will facilitate this if needed.
- E) The French visitors will be here from 4th – 9th September. They will be travelling in two minibuses.
- F) **KW** has sent information regarding accommodation options to Mari Thé. She has passed this on to the Mayor and Chief of Staff.
Peter and Margaret Lewington would like to be involved in the visit.
- G) The Saturday evening event at Hafan Yr Afon is booked – we will have sole use of the cafe area.
TO will convey to the Town Council that the Mayor will be there and ask whether the council would like to be involved in providing an event.
We will ask Barry regarding background music (Welsh style).
The event will be for the NLTA Committee, hosts and visitors.
- H) **KW** will speak to Monty's Brewery whether they wish to provide bottles of beer for sale in the marquee.
Bragdy Tanat have offered to provide beer on tap.
Agreed the best option would be bottled beer from Monty's Brewery and a Keg from Bragdy Tanat.
AG to enquire with Food Festival whether plastic glasses are acceptable.
- I) **AG** will talk to Gary at the Town Council regarding the possibility of having a TV screen in the marquee to show promotional videos.
- J) Les Herbiers have requested access to a card machine (as with the beer festival).
KW will meet with the bank to enquire re costs and possible issues.

To bring ideas to next meeting.

- K) Discussed producing coasters once the new logo design is confirmed. **KW** to explore the possibility of design options.
- L) The French visit will take place over 5 nights hosting (Thurs arrival- depart Tues).
Agreed that the Friday will be a free evening.

5. Annual Dinner:

CW updated on the arrangements. The event is taking place at NPTC Newtown College on 10th June 2025.

Arrival time is 5.30pm. Guests to pre select the menu on booking. Monday 2nd June to be cut off date for booking (which will be on a 1st come 1st serve basis). (45 guests max).

CW to contact those who went on the Beer Festival trip for first refusal prior to it being advertised on the website.

CW has spoken with local shops and supermarkets regarding donations of raffle prizes.

6. 2026 Outdoor Festival Visit:

The French are planning a visit to participate in the festival next year.

7. Treasurer's Report:

KW reported that Le Chopp'in have not yet paid the invoices from the Beer Festival.

The Bursary from the Council is due to be paid in May

8. Town Council Rep's Report:

TO reported that there are no updates to feedback.

9. AOB and Date of Next meeting:

AG has received an enquiry from Mr Bufton re opportunities for his son to be put in contact with a french cycling team with a view to joining.

Date of Next Meeting:

18th June 2020 7.30pm at Hafan Yr Afon

Actions:

Action:	By Whom:
KW to be sent application form and Bacs details to book Food Festival	AG
To confirm size of marquee with Food Festival	AG
Inform Town Council regarding the evening event planned on Sat 6.9.2025	TO
Contact Monty's Brewery re supplying Beer for the marquee	KW
Contact Food Festival re the use of plastic glasses	AG
Contact Town Council re the use of a Screen in the marquee	AG
Enquire at bank re the use of a card machine	KW
Explore options to have a new logo designed	KW
Contact those who participated in French visit re Annual Dinner	CW