

Newtown and Llanllwchaiarn Twinning Association

Minutes of Committee Meeting

Held 18th June 2025

Held at Hafan yr Afon at 8.00pm

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

Agenda:

The minutes of the last meeting held on 7th May 2025 were read and agreed.

Matters arising:

1. Liz at No 1 to resend invoice for goods sold at the Sous Pression.
2. The booking for the food festival is not yet paid
3. Le Chopp'in have not yet paid the Brewers **KW** to check this and contact Guy if this is ongoing.

Agenda:

3. Planning for Food Festival Sept 6th and 7th 2025: :

a) We have not received an invoice to date. AG reported that Marie Thé has sent further information regarding the galette grills. The invoice will need to be modified as we will need to adjust the request for electricity demands to run the grills. It was queried whether the grills will need to be PAT tested – to ask CW who did this last year. **AG** to contact Food Festival re invoice.

b) We have been allocated the large marquee as in previous years.

c) The Food Festival are keen for the french visitors to run a demonstration making the galettes in the demo area.

d) The French are bringing flour to sell. They are also thinking to include Breton cider, garlic, onions, biscuits and confectionary.

e) **AG** to approach Gary at the Town Council and BJ's regarding a display screen to show a rolling video in the marquee.

f) There will be 12 visitors

g) The tables and chairs have been purchased.

h) Discussed arrangements for the visit by the Mayor and his assistant from Les Herbiers. They will be arriving via Manchester airport on the Saturday morning to be in Newtown at approximately 1.00pm.

TO has informed the Town Council of their visit and will present this as an agenda item at the next council meeting.

i) Discussed options for events. Friday will be an informal evening with hosts. Hafan Yr Afon cafe booked for Saturday evening upstairs which will be the main event with a knife and fork buffet. Barry will provide costings for this. Also discussed music options with Barry who agreed to contact some musicians and arrange the Welsh music for the Saturday evening with his links and support grant. Hen fegin was the first choice along with the harpist Cadi Glwys, but he did have other contacts – agreed on a budget of £100.00 for entertainment.

On the Sunday we are planning a more relaxed evening event in the Hafan Yr Afon cafe before going home for an evening meal .

However, depending on the involvement that Newtown Town Council may wish to have this could extend to more entertainment and hospitality events for both evenings.

Depending on the decision of the Town Council there may also be an event on Saturday on the Food Festival site involving a celebratory event for the 25 years of Twinning.

Arrangements will need to be confirmed once we have a decision from the Town Council regarding their involvement.

J) AG and AGentle to also look into a agreed to arrange the Welsh music for the Saturday evening with his links and support grant. Hen fegin was the first choice along with the harpist Cadi Glwys, but he did have other contacts.

Discussed suggestions for the Mayor to visit the town and local area on the Sunday. Options considered were – Visit Peter Lewington at the Council chamber and museum, Pryce Jones building, Cwrt Plas yn Dre, Gregynog Hall and Montgomery. To be discussed further.

k) **KW** contacting Brewers re supplying beer for the marquee.

l) **KW** is looking into the availability of a card machine.

m) No glass is allowed on the site. We will need to purchase plastic wine glasses. **JM** will source prices and order.

m) Thursday and Monday will be spent with hosts.

4. Annual Dinner:

Two evenings have been booked for next year. To be held at NPTC Newtown college. Discussed keeping the summer event as a formal annual dinner with the January date a less formal occasion. **SW** to ask NPTC re menu suggestions for January.

5. 2026 Outdoor Festival Visit:

There are 30 visitors keen to come. Dates need to be confirmed. **JM** to approach organisers re their planning for 2026. Once we have the dates it can be discussed with the french.

6. Dates for film evenings:

Dates for the programme were confirmed with Barry and to be confirmed with KW.

24th October 2025

28th November 2025

27th February 2026

27th March 20206

There will not be an evening in January as we are now holding the dinner.

7. Presentation of gifts from Les Herbiers gifted to the Town Council:

TO to take to the council tomorrow.

8. Summer Picnic:

To be held 17th August at 12.30 in Dolerw Park.

9. Treasurer's Report:

KW was absent from the meeting.

10) **TO** will e mail following the Council meeting being held next Tuesday when she will discuss the mayor's visit to the food festival.

10. AOB and Date of Next meeting:

AG reported that another Erasmus project could go ahead in principle.

Date of Next Meeting:

30th July 7.30pm at Hafan yr Afon

Actions:

Action:	By Whom:
Check if Le Chopp'in have now paid the Brewers.	KW
Contact Food Festival re invoice	AG
Contact Town Councils and BJ's re display screen	AG
Raise Mayors visit at next meeting of the Town Council	TO

Explore possibility of a harpist to play at the Sunday evening event	AG and AGentle
Contact Brewers re supplying Beer for the marquee	KW
Look into the use of a card machine	KW
Source plastic wine glasses	JM
Ask NPTC for menu suggestions	SW
Discuss dates for 2026 Outdoor Festival with organisers	JM
Gifts to be taken to Town Council	TO
Feedback from council meeting re Mayors visit to food festival	TO