

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the Twinning Association of Haverfordwest held in the Council Chamber, Picton Place on Wednesday 15th January 2020 at 5.45pm.

Present:

Roy Thomas (Chairman) Patricia Lewis (Secretary) Derek Griffiths (Treasurer) Pat Lewis Sue Rogers Shirley Thomas, Cllr Alan Buckfield, Cllr Chris Thomas, Cllr Peter Lewis, Cllr Deri Jones, Brian Griffiths. Also Paul Childs (Male Voice Choir)

Apologies:

Barbara Morgan, Jan Manning, Hillary Price, Cllr Sue Murray, Dean Campbell, Charles Davies Mike Lewis, Jane James, Ellen Repton.

Minutes:

It was proposed, seconded and unanimously accepted that the minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 25th November 2019 be accepted as a true record.

Matters Arising:

Roy reported that due to illness he had not contacted the Royal British Legion seeking assurance that the Twinning Association's name be returned to the list of wreath layers for the Armistice Service. He would rectify this.

Financial Report:

Derek informed the meeting that the bank balance remained at £5,759.86. He also reminded all present that their membership fee of £5 and any arrears would have to be paid prior to the AGM in February 2020 if they wished to take part in the meeting.

Chairman's Report:

Roy read out a letter that he had received from the Oberburgermeister of Oberkirch informing us that they would not be visiting us this year but cordially inviting us to send a deputation at the time of the Weinfest in September. He felt that this would allow the signing of the Charter by the Mayors and that the counter ceremony could be carried out in Haverfordwest in May 2021.

Roy went on to say that Joanna had indicated that it was hoped that a party of approximately 30 young people (13 to 18 years of age) would visit us in September (29th September – 2nd October). Roy would be meeting with Pembrokeshire College in the near future.

A meeting was arranged with the Mayor to discuss future arrangements but this was cancelled as the Mayor felt that as she would not be in office or on the Council at the time of the envisaged events, it would be better for us to meet with the Deputy Mayor.

Roy reported on the meeting with the Deputy Mayor and as Cllr Buckfield was present they shared the information.

The Town Clerk had suggested that the Association should submit an application for financial assistance towards the students visit as soon as possible and again early in the next financial year.

Peter suggested that the Male Voice Choir should be informed of the change of circumstances and advised of Oberkirch's intention to visit in May 2021.

Alan said that the Town Council would be acquiring gifts for Oberkirch.

Future Programme:

Roy promised to seek firmed up numbers for the visit of the students from Oberkirch and to inform the College, the High School and the Youth Department of PCC.

Sue undertook to seek travelling expenses to Strassburg via Eurostar and Roy promised to seek prices for flying from Stanstead and Gatwick. These details would be available at the Annual General Meeting. It was felt that members of the public should be offered the opportunity to join the party that would be going to Oberkirch.

Sue reported that the website would soon go live and offered to arrange computer lessons for those members of the committee who would wish to avail themselves of the opportunity.

Sue presented a suggested motif that had been designed by Dr Mike Wort. This was eagerly accepted by the committee and thanks were to be recorded for the work done by Mike and Sue.

She also reported that the website would offer instant translation of material included in it at no extra charge.

Date of the next meeting:

It was decided that the Annual General Meeting should be held in the Services Club on Monday 24th February 2020 at 5.45 pm. Brian promised to book the room.