



TWINNING COMMITTEE

4.00pm – 4.45pm

2 October 2008

Present: Councillor Gledhill (Vice Chair) (in the Chair), Councillors Jeraj, Lay, and Sands, Peter Beckley, Jill Noble, The Lord Mayor, Doug Underwood, and Waltraud Jarrold

Apologies: Councillor Blower, Councillor Collishaw, Claire Alban, Ralph Gayton, David McKay, Canon David Sharp and County Councillor Northam (Chairman Norfolk County Council)

1. MINUTES

RESOLVED to agree the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting held on 5 June 2008.

2. MATTERS ARISING

Novi Sad Friendship Bridge

Doug Underwood said some areas had already been worked on, paintwork had been washed down, drains cleared, weeds removed and remedial work started on surfacing. Settlement of the approach ramp was being monitored.

3. GENERAL REPORTS

3(a) Norfolk and Norwich Rouen Friendship Association

RESOLVED to note the Norfolk and Norwich Rouen Friendship Association's report.

3(b) Norfolk and Norwich El Viejo Friendship Link

RESOLVED to note the Norfolk and Norwich El Viejo Friendship report.

3(c) Norfolk and Norwich Koblenz Friendship Association

Waltraud Jarrold presented the report. She said the Jubilate Deo Choir from Winningen and the Koblenz region had uplifted everyone with their concerts. The charity concert at the Holy Trinity Church had raised approx £853 in aid of the East Anglian Children's Hospice. She pointed out Winningen had won 'Our Village has Future' gold award and Norwich Philharmonic Choir would be visiting Koblenz on 24 April 2009.

The Chair referred to an article in the 'Rad Com' magazine and suggested members of Radio Ham should be encouraged to become members of the Twinning Committee.

The Twinning Officer said there was to be an article in this months Citizen on Twinning, similar to the article in the Council's internal Inner city newsletter. Waltraud Jarrold said she had received a call from a Norwich City Council employee who wished to make contact with a football team in Koblenz.

RESOLVED to thank Waltraud Jarrold for presenting the Koblenz report.

3(d) Norfolk and Norwich Novi Sad Association

John Jennings and Doug Underwood presented the report. Doug Underwood said John Jennings had resigned as Chairman of the Association and he would be attending in his place. John Jennings referred to the visit of the Isidor Bajic Music School and the success of the concert given jointly with the music students from Novi Sad and Norwich and Norfolk at St. Thomas's Church on Earlham Road and thanked the Committee for their support.

RESOLVED to –

- (1) ask the Twinning Assistant to write to John Jennings to thank him for his contribution towards twinning:
- (2) thank John Jennings and Doug Underwood for their report.

4. TWINNING FUND – FINANCIAL POSITION

The Twinning Officer circulated a copy of the report. He advised the Committee he had attended the Rouen Friendship Association's last meeting to discuss arrangements for the 50th anniversary. He would be looking for some funding for this and also anticipated a grant would be required from the twinning fund for this celebration.

RESOLVED to note the Twinning Fund balance (in-hand) at 18 September 2008, of £1,173.27

5. GRANT MADE TO NORFOLK AND NORWICH KOBLENZ FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION

RESOLVED to note, under delegated authority the Twinning Officer in consultation with the Chair gave a grant of £100 to the Norfolk and Norwich Koblenz Friendship Association.

6. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED to note the next meeting would be held on 5 March 2009.

CHAIR