



**Twinning committee**

**16:00 - 16:50**

**1 October 2015**

Present: Councillors Raby, Henderson, Maxwell, Jones, Sands (M) and Bremner, Ralph Gayton, (El Viejo) and Waltraud Jarrold (Koblenz) Doug and Sandra Underwood (Novi Sad) Chris and Ann Rowe (Rouen)

Apologies: Councillors Arthur and Thomas (Vi), Jill Noble (Koblenz), Claire Alban (Chair Norfolk Association of Twinned Communities) and Mary Corbould (Rouen)

**1. Minutes**

**RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 9 July 2015.

**2. Report of the Norfolk and Koblenz Friendship Association**

Waltraud Jarrold presented the report. She went on to add the following:

- No response had been received as yet from Dragon Hall regarding the twinning memorabilia.
- The work of the Triorca Trust helping young people enjoy playing music was ongoing.
- An email from City College had been received regarding the cessation of the apprenticeship exchange scheme. She explained that this would be followed up as there were concerns in this area.
- A meeting had taken place at County Hall regarding funding with particular focus on access and visibility.

**RESOLVED** to note the report.

### **3. Report of the Norfolk and Norwich Novi Sad Association**

Doug Underwood presented the report and added the following points:

- The association treasurer, Jack, had died in June.
- The 'Portrait Serbia' project was being supported by the association and appropriate feedback would be given to the committee in future.
- The annual Paul Cross Memorial Concert concert would take place on the 23 January 2016.

**RESOLVED** to note the report.

### **4. Report of the Norfolk and Norwich Rouen Friendship Association**

Anne Rowe presented the report and added the following points:

- 13 to 17 April 2016 would see the Rouenais visit Norfolk, with visits to the vineyard at Surlingham and the WhiskeyDistillery being considered.
- The resignation of the chair was being anticipated to take place at the association AGM.
- A successful rowing tournament had taken place from Surlingham to Whitlingham, which had included French visitors.

**RESOLVED** to note the report.

### **5. Report of the Norfolk and Norwich El Viejo Friendship Link**

Ralph Gayton presented the report of the Norfolk and Norwich El Viejo Friendship Link and added the following points:

- A river trip 'An evening on the Broads' had taken place and raised £600.
- Funding issues were of increasing concern as a reduction of scholarships had already been seen.
- Funding for toilet facilities was also a concern, with local authorities investigating a common approach to sanitary provision within Nicaragua.

**RESOLVED** to note the report.

## **6. Update on the twinning fund**

**RESOLVED**, having considered the report of the twinning officer, to note that the balance in hand of the twinning fund was £3,777.55.

## **7. Joint twinning associations event**

Ralph Gayton praised the joint lunch, feeling it's a worthwhile addition to the associations' calendars.

It was suggested that a follow-up event be considered.

**RESOLVED** to examine the options for another joint twinning associations event.

## **8. Electronic Reports/Newsletters**

**RESOLVED** to ask the twinning associations to send any reports and newsletters for inclusion on the future twinning committee agendas to the twinning officer/twinning assistant by electronic means and if possible, at least 10 days before the meeting.

## **9. Application for a twinning committee grant**

Dog Underwood presented the report.

**RESOLVED** to grant £200 to the Norfolk and Norwich Novi Sad Association to support the annual Paul Cross Memorial Concert in January 2016.

## **10. Future meetings**

**RESOLVED** to note that the next meeting will be held on 3 March 2016 at 4pm.

CHAIR