



TWINNING COMMITTEE

Date: **Thursday 26 June 2014**

Time: **4pm**

Venue: **Committee room, City Hall**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Councillor Bremner
Councillor Brociek-Coulton
Councillor Bogelein
Councillor Henderson
Councillor Jones
Councillor Maxwell
Councillors Sands (S)

Sandra Underwood (Novi Sad)
Doug Underwood (Novi Sad)
Mary Corbould (Rouen)
Waltraud Jarrold (Koblenz)
Jill Noble (Koblenz)
Councillor Ralph Gayton (El Viejo)

Claire Alban (Chairman, Norfolk
Association of Twin Communities)

Lord Mayor – Ex officio
Chairman (Norfolk County Council) – Ex
officio

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AGENDA

1. **Appointment of chair**

To appoint a chair for the ensuing civic year.

2. **Appointment of chair**

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3. **Apologies**

4. Public questions

To receive questions from the public (notice to be given to the committee officer by 10am on the day before the meeting.).

5. Declarations of interest

(Please note that it is the responsibility of individual members to declare an interest prior to an item if they arrive late for the meeting.

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To agree the accuracy of the minutes of the twinning committee held on 26 February 2014.

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- (a) Norfolk and Norwich Rouen Friendship Association – attached.
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11. Date of upcoming meetings

Purpose – To note that meetings of the committee for the civic year 2014-15 will be held at 4pm, at City Hall, on the following dates:

- 23 October 2014
- 26 March 2015

18 June 2014



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MINUTES

TWINNING COMMITTEE

17:00 – 17:50

26 February 2014

Present: Councillors Driver (Chair) Gayton (Vice chair), Bremner and Maxwell;
Mary Corbould, Waltraud Jarrold, Jill Noble, Doug Underwood and
Sandra Underwood,

Apologies: Councillors Galvin and Grenville

1. MINUTES

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 17 October, 2013,
with the following amendments:

- (1) Under item 3, Norfolk and Norwich Koblenz Friendship Association, add
“...will be included.....” to the third bullet point so that the first sentence
reads “A Koblenz musician will be included in a concert to commemorate
the bombing of Norwich and Koblenz.”
- (2) Under the Novi Sad association section, the date of the annual lunch
should read Sunday 20 October 2013.

2. GENERAL REPORTS

Norfolk and Norwich Novi Sad Association

Doug Underwood presented the report. He said that he was unsure of the specific amount of grant to be given to support a project at the Milan Petrovic School but believed it would be around 1000 Euros. He also said that the money raised from the Paul Cross Memorial concert would be used to stable a pony for disabled children to ride. The Lord Mayor reported that the new school was fantastic and well used.

Members asked for an update on sourcing replacement signs for the friendship bridge. The twinning officer reported that the signs would need to be sourced and purchased directly.

RESOLVED to:

- (1) note the report; and
- (2) to ask Andy Emms and Andy Futter to source and purchase replacement signs for the friendship bridge.

Norfolk and Norwich Rouen Friendship Association

Mary Corbould presented the report. She informed the members that the annual dinner at the Debut restaurant due to be held that evening had to be cancelled due to a lack of support.

She informed the members that the AGM would be held on 26 March at 7:30pm and that all members were welcome to attend.

RESOLVED to note the report.

Norfolk and Norwich El Viejo Friendship Link

The vice chair introduced the report and highlighted that they had to reduce spending on the scholarship project due to funding constraints. He showed members a PowerPoint presentation of the scholarship students which had been prepared on the computer given to one of the schools. He reported that the fundraising concert held on Saturday 15 February had raised around £1000.

In response to a question from a member, the vice chair said that funding for the El Viejo Friendship link was raised through many avenues. He added that they were hoping to become a charity recognised by the charity commission but the process to do so was complicated. Members wished him the best of luck with the application.

RESOLVED to note the report.

Norfolk and Norwich Koblenz Friendship Association

Waltraud Jarrold introduced the report and distributed a copy of the latest newsletter to members and reminded them that the AGM would be held on 14 March at 7pm at County hall.

She reported that the visit to Koblenz in October had been a success and that she was pleased with the appointment of the new Dean and was particularly pleased with the Benedictine links. She hoped that he would visit Koblenz with the association as others had in the past.

She said that she was pleased that the rotary twinning links were continuing with a visit from two members of the Novi Sad Rotary visiting on the 2 May. The twinning committee had supported the Meningitis help group with the Norwich branch being the longest running branch. Waltraud encouraged any members with questions about the illness to visit the meetings held at the Charing Cross Centre on the second Monday of each month. Finally, she confirmed that the date of the Koblenz Linked Concert, which was to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the bombing of Koblenz and Norwich, would be held on Saturday 5 July and not 6 July as details in the newsletter.

RESOLVED to note the report.

3. APPLICATION FOR A TWINNING COMMITTEE GRANT

(Report of the twinning officer)

The twinning officer presented the report and reminded the committee that the report was for information only as the grant had already been agreed and paid as per delegated powers.

RESOLVED to note the report.

4. TWINNING FUND – FINANCIAL POSITION

(Report of the twinning officer)

The twinning officer presented an amended version of the report which had been circulated to members at the start of the meeting. He said that the current balance was higher than usual due to fewer grant applications being received this financial year than in previous years.. He reminded members that all grant applications should be considered in a consistent manner so not all of the budget may be spent each year.

Doug Underwood added that grants were very valuable to the associations but 'in kind' help was just as valuable with the use of rooms and officer time.

RESOLVED to note the report.

5. APPLICATION FOR A TWINNING COMMITTEE GRANT

(Report of the twinning officer)

(Councillor Gayton declared a personal interest in this item and left the room whilst the item was discussed.)

RESOLVED unanimously, to grant £500 to the Norfolk and Norwich El Viejo Friendship Link.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED to agree the following dates –

Thursday 26 June 2014 at 4pm

Thursday 23 October 2014 at 4pm

Thursday 26 March 2015 at 4pm

CHAIR

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The Newsletter of the Norfolk and Norwich – Rouen

Friendship Association

Spring/Summer 2014

ITEM 7

Welcome to the latest Newsletter

The long awaited visit of the Rouennais is now in our memories. They arrived in the UK on Wednesday 30th April and after a stop at Penshurst Place, Kent they made their way to Norwich and were quickly on their way to their hosts or hotel.

On Thursday 1st May the day started off at the Sainsbury Centre for some where they visited the exhibition "Monument : Aftermath of War and Conflict" being shown. In the afternoon, after refreshments, there was a free afternoon in Norwich followed by the reception at City Hall hosted by the Lord Mayor. It was a chance for members and visitors to get together and renew friendships. At the reception the Armada themed competition was judged, it was won with a painting by David Talks.

On Friday 2nd May those that wanted to go, assembled at Notcutts and made their way to Neatishead where there was the museum of radar equipment, important to the defence of the British Isles and Europe, both in times of war and peace. We then made our way to Horning where we embarked on the Southern Comfort "Steam Boat" for river trip and lunch. For the ornithologists on the trip we saw Coots (white markings) Moor Hens (red markings) a Marsh Harrier, Gt Crested Grebes, a Grey Lag Goose and Goslings, White Egret and Heron. After the river trip we made our way to Swardeston Church for more memorabilia on Edith Cavell. We returned to Notcutts where our visitors went off to their respective hosts or Hotel.

On Saturday 3rd May, once more assembled at Notcutts to go firstly to Swaffham and experience an open air auction. Then on for a buffet lunch at The Ostrich Public House. In the afternoon the group visited Castle Acre Priory, where Bob and Valerie Barnard gave an informative talk and tour. The coach then returned to Norwich and in the evening our guests had dinner with their hosts.

On Sunday 4th May after farewells etc. our Rouennais visitors left for the return to Rouen.

There are some pictures and dialogue from our visitors to be found at: <http://www.norwich-rouen-club.com>

Past events. It was a very poor turn out for the AGM this year. Without the Lord Mayor, Keith Driver, joining the NNRFA the meeting could not have gone ahead. It only reiterates the need for an active membership and new younger members joining the association.

Similarly the annual dinner was under subscribed so did not go ahead. There has been discussion re the timing of the 2 dinners we have in the year. Perhaps they are too close together. **Comments from membership please.**

Future Events: There is a French Language film 'Etre et Avoir' being shown at St Matthews Church in Telegraph Lane, Norwich on Tuesday, 20th May at 2pm. Do come: you are in for a real treat!

The Garden Party will once again take place thanks to the hospitality of Audrey and David Talks at their home at 20 Cathedral Close,

Norwich on Saturday, 28 June from 12-3pm. We usually take a plate of sweet or savoury food to share and a suitable bottle of drink. They have arranged for us to park cars along the wall of their garden, so please let the man at the gate know you are going to Number 20. Contact telephone number 01603 664516, to advise Audrey of the "type" of plate being taken.

Summer Outing Several members have expressed a wish for a group outing in the summer. If any of the membership can think of a suitable outing or activity we can do as a group, please let a committee member know in order for us to organise it. It may be too late for this year, but there is always next year!

A date has not been set for our "**November Dinner**". This may well occur a month earlier. Discussion re dinners and dates are up for discussion, as stated earlier.

As the cost of postage keeps going up, would the membership please let the Membership Secretary, Ann Rowe, know the preferred method of communication. Ideally this would be your current email address, to ann18rowe@yahoo.com

A plea from Richard Moore, Old Catton Twinning Association:

Can anyone host a 15 year old boy 28th May to 1st June while their French friends visit? No-one is able to do this in Old Catton.

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Chairmen: French and English, past and present



At the Lord Mayor's reception at City Hall



Report of : Twinning officer
To : Twinning Committee 26 June 2014
Subject : Twinning Fund - Financial Position

Item

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Report

A summary of income and expenditure of the committee in respect of twinning activities for the period of February 2014 to June 2014 as set out below:-

TWINNING FUND

Twinning Activities

**General
Twinning
£**

Balance b/f Feb 2014

2319.35

Movements

N & N El Viejo Friendship Link – Grant to assist with scholarship scheme

500.00

Plaque for Novi sad Bridge

211.80

Total outgoings

1607.55

Grant received from Norwich City Council for 2014-15

(2060.00)

TOTAL

(3667.55)

Recommendation

To note the twinning fund balance (in-hand) at 18 June 2014 is £3667.55

**Andy Emms
Twinning Officer**

Contact Officer : Andy Futter 01603 212029

Report to:	Twinning committee 26 June 2014	Item
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Subject:	Annual grant to the twinning associations	

Purpose

To grant £200 to each of the twinning associations and “in kind” support to the Norfolk and Norwich El Viejo Friendship Link.

Recommendations

To consider a grant of £200 to each of the three associations and “in kind support” to the Norfolk and Norwich El Viejo Friendship Link.

Financial consequences

The financial consequences of this report are that there are sufficient funds to pay for this grant.

Corporate and service plan priorities

Through their work the association contribute to the corporate priority “City of character and culture” and the service plan priority of promoting and fostering links and exchanges of all kinds between people of Norwich and those in the twin cities.

Contact Officers

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Report

1. The committee has regularly made an annual contribution of £200 to three of the associations to help support its activities. None of the associations has requested a higher annual contribution but it is recognised that with rising costs might justify a higher annual grant.
2. The El Viejo Link has preferred to retain support in kind i.e. photocopying and use of committee rooms, etc.
3. It is proposed to grant £200 to each of the associations.

Report to Twinning committee
26 February 2014
Report of The twinning officer
Subject Application for a twinning committee grant

Item

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Purpose

To consider a grant application received from the Norfolk and Norwich Novi Sad Association.

Recommendations

To grant £200 to the Norfolk and Norwich Novi Sad Association to support the annual Paul Cross Memorial concert in January 2015 which promotes friendship with Novi Sad, Vojvodina, Serbia and fosters appreciation of the music and culture of Novi Sad.

Financial consequences

There are sufficient funds to pay for this grant which fulfils the aims of the council to promote and foster links and exchanges between the people of Norwich and the twin cities.

Corporate objective/service plan priority

The report helps to meet the strategic priority *City of character and culture* and the service plan priority of providing a range of cultural and leisure opportunities and events for people.

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Background documents

None

Background

1. The Norfolk and Norwich Novi Sad Association has submitted an application for a twinning committee grant for the sum of £200 to support its annual Paul Cross Memorial concert, to be held in January 2015.
2. At its meeting on 26 February 2014, the committee approved retrospectively the grant of £200 to assist the travel expenses of two internationally renowned concert performers to fly from Novi Sad for the concert which was held in January 2014.
3. The committee has granted £200 towards the costs of the annual Paul Cross Memorial concert since 2004.

Application

4. The association has applied for a grant towards the cost of organising the 2015 Paul Cross Memorial concert which will be held on 17 January 2015 at the Assembly House, Norwich at 7.30pm. There will be a piano recital by Aleksander Djermanović from Novi Sad.
5. The purpose of the concert is to promote the aims of the Norfolk and Norwich Novi Sad Association to promote friendship and foster an appreciation of the music and culture of Novi Sad and its surrounding area. The association extends hospitality to the Lord Mayor, Sheriff, Chairman of Norfolk County Council, the two Norwich MPs and representatives from the Serbian Embassy in London. The concert is therefore a platform for the twinning of the two cities.
6. The total cost of the event is £1,300. The association has received grants in previous years from the Fitzmaurice Trust, the John Jarrold Trust and the Goodman Trust. The amount of grant received from these organisations has not been specified. However it is likely that the association will also seek grants for the 2015 concert. The association also sells tickets to the event and there is raffle to raise funds. The association has not provided information on the amount that is realised from ticket sales. However in recent years, with rising costs, it has been difficult to break even.
7. The concert fulfils the aims of the twinning associations in that it promotes a better understanding of a shared culture and helps to promote informal links between people and organisations in the city of Norwich and the county of Norfolk and is dedicated to furthering friendship between the two cities. The granting of £200 towards the costs incurred in arranging the concert is therefore within the aims of the committee. It is therefore recommended that the grant is used for the travel expenses for the young pianist to travel to Norwich and perform at the concert.