

**MINUTES****TWINNING COMMITTEE****16:00 – 17:25****26 June 2014**

Present: Councillors Bremner, Brociek-Coulton, Bogelein, Jones, Maxwell and Ryan (standing in for Councillor Sands)

Mary Corbould, Waltraud Jarrold, Jill Noble, Councillor Ralph Gayton and Diana Beckley.

Apologies: Sandra Underwood, Doug Underwood, Councillors Henderson and Sands (S)

**1. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 26 February 2014.

**2. GENERAL REPORTS****(a) Norfolk and Norwich Rouen Friendship Association**

Mary Corbould presented the report, explaining that the film 'Etre et Avoir' had not been shown but that a future screening date was being explored. Mary added that everything was looking very positive for a visit to Rouen next year and that the group from Rouen would return to Norwich in 2016.

**RESOLVED** to note the report.

**(b) Norfolk and Norwich El Viejo Friendship Link**

Ralph Gayton presented the report, adding that the friendship link had now achieved charitable status. He said that due to reduction in funding available in Nicaragua, activities within El Viejo had been reduced - clarifying that scholarships were now smaller and the \$10 contribution per child had been cancelled. He said that his most recent visit – as detailed in the report -had been the first since the funding had been reduced.

**RESOLVED** to note the report.

**(c) Norfolk and Norwich Koblenz Friendship Association**

Waltraud Jarrold provided a verbal update on the activities of the friendship association. She thanked the lord mayor and sheriff for their attendance at the 'Feed the Minds' event, which she explained it had gone very well, adding that £14,000 had been raised thus far, with more donations coming in.

She then highlighted the upcoming Triorca Trust concert on July 6 at the cathedral.

Waltraud went on to say that the diocesan visit went well and was pleased that this very strong link remained.

**RESOLVED** to note the report.

**(d) Norfolk and Norwich Novi Sad Association**

Diana Beckley presented a verbal update, explaining that the AGM had gone well and thanked the city council for use of the council chamber. She explained that a highlight of the meeting had been the film shown by Peter regarding field hospitals in World War I. This had brought about discussion of the run-down state of the English hospital in Belgrade which Peter was attempting to raise with the Novi Sad authorities.

The concert in January had been successful and was well-attended, with the money raised going towards a new stable. Local support came via the stable owner who had agreed to provide attack in lieu of financial support.

The flooding in May had resulted in a request being received for help from Novi Sad. The group arranged articles in the EDP and the evening news and a feature on BBC radio. Around £100 was raised, and the group was approaching the Red Cross for details of suitable schemes to fund.

**RESOLVED** to note the report.

**3. TWINNING FUND – FINANCIAL POSITION**

(Report of the twinning officer)

The twinning officer presented the report which provided a breakdown of income and expenditure during the period February to June 2014.

**RESOLVED** to note the report.

**4. ANNUAL GRANT TO THE TWINNING ASSOCIATIONS**

**RESOLVED** to:-

- (1) grant £200 to each of the three twinning associations, Koblenz, Novi Sad and Rouen;

- (2) note that the Norfolk and Norwich El Viejo Friendship Link has preferred to retain support in kind, ie, photocopying etc.

## **5. APPLICATION FOR A TWINNING COMMITTEE GRANT**

(Report of the twinning officer)

The twinning officer presented the report detailing the request for £250 - £300 to assist in the running of a concert by the Triorca Trust to take place on 6 July at Norwich Cathedral.

**RESOLVED** unanimously, to grant £300 to the Triorca Trust.

## **6. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**

**RESOLVED** to agree the following dates –

Thursday 23 October 2014 at 4pm

Thursday 26 March 2015 at 4pm

CHAIR