

Twinning committee**16:00 to 17:00****7 July 2016**

Present: Councillor Maxwell (chair), Ralph Gayton (vice chair)(El Viejo)
Councillors Bremner, Brociek-Coulton, Malik, Raby, Schmierer,
Thomas (Vi), Woollard, Wright.
Waltraud Jarrold (Koblenz), Jill Noble (Koblenz), Sandra Underwood
(Novi Sad), Doug Underwood (Novi Sad).
Andy Emms (Twinning officer, Norwich City Council), Andy Futter
(Senior committee officer, Norwich City Council)

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Chris Rowe.

2. Questions from the public

No questions were received from members of the public.

3. Declarations of interest

No declarations of interest were made.

4. Minutes

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 3 March 2016.

5. General reports (reports of the twinning associations)**(a) Norfolk and Norwich Rouen Friendship Association**

In the absence of a representative of the Norfolk and Norwich Rouen Friendship Association, the report circulated with the agenda was noted by all members.

RESOLVED to note the report.

(b) Norfolk and Norwich El Viejo Friendship Link

The report of the Norfolk and Norwich El Viejo Friendship Link was presented by Ralph Gayton. He then provided an update on the following areas:

- An earthquake with a magnitude of 6.1 had struck Nicaragua on Thursday 9 June. The effects on El Viejo were still being ascertained, and members would be kept informed.
- Work continued regarding school latrines, with action being sought from the local authority and the central government.

RESOLVED to note the report.

(c) Norfolk and Norwich Koblenz Friendship Association

The report was presented by Waltraud Jarrold with attention being drawn to the following points:

- The annual association lunch was to take place at the Park Farm hotel in Hethersett on Sunday 18 September – where wine from the Winningen vineyard would be served.
- The German conversation group had recently welcomed a new member.

Councillor Bert Bremner then discussed the Kemp's Men of Norwich 60th Anniversary weekend taking place from Friday 15 to Tuesday 19 July. This would include a visit and dancing from the Winzertanzgruppe from Winningen, which offered welcome opportunity to return the hospitality shown when the Kemp's Men had visited Germany.

He provided details of the visit which would include dancing at the cathedral and in the Bishop's garden on Sunday 17 July.

RESOLVED to note the report.

(d) Norfolk and Norwich Novi Sad Association

The report was presented by Doug Underwood. He then provided an update on the following areas:

- Diana Beckley had been unwell and best wishes were given for her quick recovery.
- Two residents of Novi Sad had visited had come to Norwich for their annual holiday. Doug and Sandra had spent some time with them and also signposted highlights of the city for them.

- Disappoint was expressed at the result of the EU referendum.

RESOLVED to note the report.

6. Visit of the Oberbürgermeister of Koblenz

The twinning officer presented the report, detailing the successful visit by the civic party from Koblenz. Following the visit, Oberbürgermeister Joachim Hofmann-Göttig sent a letter of thanks (appendix A of the agenda) also inviting the Lord Mayor on a return visit to Koblenz.

RESOLVED to note the report.

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7. Twinning fund – financial position

The twinning officer presented the report.

RESOLVED to note the balance of the twinning account (£2,577.55) as at 7 July 2016.

8. Applications for a twinning committee grant

Andy Futter presented the report, explaining that three applications had been made to the twinning fund as follows:

- a. £250 to the Norfolk and Norwich Novi Sad Association to support the annual Paul Cross Memorial concert in January 2017;
- b. £1,000 to the Kemp's Men of Norwich to support the visit of dancers from Winingen; and,
- c. £500 to the Triorca Trust to support 14 students from Norwich visiting Germany alongside students from Germany and Serbia to attend an orchestral course.

RESOLVED to agree the payment of a grant of:

- a. £250 to the Norfolk and Norwich Novi Sad Association to support the annual Paul Cross Memorial concert in January 2017;
- b. £350 to the Kemp's Men of Norwich to support the visit of dancers from Winingen; and,

- c. £500 to the Triorca Trust to support 14 students from Norwich visiting Germany alongside students from Germany and Serbia to attend an orchestral course.

9. Date of the next meeting

RESOLVED to confirm that the next meeting of the committee will be held on Thursday, 6 October 2016 at 16:00.

CHAIR