



Twinning committee

16:00 to 16:30

12 March 2020

Present: Councillors Thomas (Va) (chair) Thomas (Vi) (vice chair) Grahame, Kendrick, Peek and Sarmezey;, Waltraud Jarrold MBE and Jill Noble (Koblenz); Ann and Chris Rowe (Rouen) and Doug Underwood and Sandra Underwood (Novi Sad)

Apologies: Councillors Oliver and Utton and Ralph Gayton and David Raby (El Viejo)

1. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2. Public questions and petitions

There were no public questions or petitions.

3. Minutes

RESOLVED to agree the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting held on 3 October 2019

4. Twinning fund – financial position

The democratic and elections manager presented the report. He reminded members that any applications for grants should be submitted on the appropriate form.

Waltraud Jarrold, MBE, said that Triorca would be visiting Budapest so there would be a grant application for financial support for this trip prior to July.

(Councillor Grahame joined the meeting at this point)

In response to a member's question, the democratic and elections manager said that the budget allocation was £2060 each financial year and payments were made from this in the first instance. All figures shown in the report were payments made.

RESOLVED to note the twinning fund financial position.

5. Reports of the Twinning Associations

Norfolk and Norwich/Rouen Friendship Association

Chris Rowe updated the committee on the association's activities. He said that the AGM had been well attended and that the future activities were set out in the newsletter.

It was not anticipated that there would be a visit from Rouen as a party was held last year. A small group may come to Norwich but this had not been confirmed.

The association currently had sixty six members with several younger members joining.

Norfolk and Norwich Novi Sad Association

Doug Underwood presented the newsletter and said that the next newsletter had just been published.

This was the sixtieth anniversary year of twinning between Norwich and Novi Sad and was also the thirty fifth anniversary of the Norfolk and Norwich Novi Sad Association so was a special year. Novi Sad would also be the European Capital of Culture in 2021 and it was hoped that the Lord Mayor would be able to attend an event in Novi Sad as part of this.

There had been a successful concert with pianist Rita Kinka and the money raised from this would go to the Milan Petrovic School in Novi Sad.

The association's AGM would be held on 26 March 2020.

Norfolk and Norwich – El Viejo Friendship Link

As the representatives of the El Viejo Friendship link had sent apologies, the report was noted.

Norfolk and Norwich/Koblenz Friendship Association

Waltraud Jarrold MBE updated the committee on the activities of the Norfolk and Norwich/Koblenz Friendship Association.

RESOLVED to receive the reports from the twinning associations

CHAIR