



## **TWINNING COMMITTEE**

Date: **Thursday 27 June, 2013**

Time: **4pm**

Venue: **Westwick room, City Hall**

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

Councillor Bremner  
Councillor Brociek-Coulton  
Councillor Galvin  
Councillor Grenville  
Councillor Howard  
Councillor Maxwell  
Councillor Price  
Councillor Driver (Lord Mayor)(ex-officio)  
Peter Beckley (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)  
County Councillor Cox (Chairman Norfolk  
County Council) (ex officio)

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## **AGENDA**

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- 1. Election of Chair/Vice Chair**
- 2. Apologies**
- 3. Public questions**

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

#### **4. 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)

#### **5. Minutes**

To agree the accuracy of the minutes of the twinning committee held on 28 March, 2013. 4

#### **6. General reports – to follow**

- (a) Norfolk and Norwich El Viejo Friendship Link
- (b) Norfolk and Norwich Koblenz Friendship Association
- (c) Norfolk and Norwich Novi Sad Association
- (d) Norfolk and Norwich Rouen Friendship Association

#### **7. Rouen Armada 2013 – Civic Visit - oral update** (Report of the twinning officer)

**Purpose** – To update members on the Lord Mayor's attendance at the Rouen Armada 2013 at the invitation of the Mayor of Rouen.

#### **8. Date of future meetings**

27 October 2013

26 February 2014

21 June 2013

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MINUTES

**TWINNING COMMITTEE**

**16:00 – 16:45**

28 March 2013

Present: Councillors Ralph Gayton (chair), Maxwell (standing in for Cllr Stonard), Barker (standing in for Cllr Grenville) and Galvin; Peter Beckley (vice-chair) and Mary Corbould

Apologies: Councillors Price and Henderson; Waltraud Jarrold, Jill Noble and Doug Underwood

**1. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 25 October 2012.

**2. THE NOVI SAD FRIENDSHIP BRIDGE PLAQUE**

Following discussion at the meeting of the committee held on 25 October 2012, it was confirmed that, despite further investigation, the plaque from the Novi Sad friendship bridge had not been located. The vice-chair asked if it would be possible to find financial assistance to cover the cost of a replacement. Two options were raised:

**RESOLVED** to ask the Twining Officer to investigate the possibility of the contractor who removed the sign being asked to replace and if not then making an insurance claim.

**3. DRAGON HALL**

Tom Gordon from Dragon Hall attended for this item. He explained that forward planning for the hall had recently taken place for the next 5 – 10 years and that the best use of the space needed to be made. This would align closely with its educational aims around the history of the building and that the twinning memorabilia currently displayed, would not tie into this.

A key factor in the decision to remove the twinning memorabilia from display was also the aim of Dragon Hall to apply for accreditation through the Association of Independent Museums. This application requires detailed explanation of the museum contents and the presence of the twinning memorabilia would prove difficult to justify in this context. The hall is also closed for around six months over the winter and as such means the memorabilia would not be available during that time.

**RESOLVED** to:-

- (1) ask the twinning associations and twinning officer to carry out an inventory of twinning memorabilia
- (2) arrange a meeting to decide on the future of the twinning memorabilia

#### **4. TRIORCA TRUST**

The vice-chair introduced the documents circulated prior to the meeting.

He explained that it was important to differentiate between the Triorca orchestra and the Triorca trust, stressing that the trust is comprised of a group of people who are interested in, but separate from, the orchestra - forming a charitable trust. The aim of the trust would be to acquire funding, thus supporting the work of the orchestra.

He said that the next concerts on the orchestra's schedule would be 10 April 2013 Norwich and 12 April 2013 Snape.

**RESOLVED** to note the update on the Triorca Trust and the Triorca Youth Orchestra made up of young musicians from the Norfolk County Youth Orchestra, the Isidor Bajic Music School, Novi Sad, Serbia and the Landesjugendorchester, Rheinland-Pfalz, Germany

#### **5. GENERAL REPORTS**

##### **Norfolk and Norwich Koblenz Friendship Association**

The chair presented the report. He added that Koblenz was looking to get the aerial cableway across the Rhine which was initially constructed for the 2010 flower festival, made permanent.

##### **Norfolk and Norwich Novi Sad Association**

The vice-chair introduced the report. He explained that the Paul Cross Memorial Concert had proven a great success. Funds had been used to purchase equipment for the Milan Petrović school – specifically a kiln for the handicraft section.

The chair said that he had visited the school and was very impressed with the new building which was excellently equipped.

### **Norfolk and Norwich Rouen Friendship Association**

Mary Corbould introduced the report. She then explained about a radio twinning project which was being planned and said that any French language help would be much appreciated. She then said that a group of 40 would be attending the armada celebrations in Rouen in June, 2013.

### **Norfolk and Norwich El Viejo Friendship Link**

The chair introduced the report. He then spoke about the successful reception which had been held at city hall on 8 March and that the Friendship Link was trying to arrange contact between schools in Norwich and El Viejo.

He noted that 64 school places had already been filled and that schoolbags containing exercise books, pens and pencils had also been ordered.

Peter Beckley asked if there was anything contained within the twinning agreement to allow the group to provide assistance in the upcoming elections. The chair explained that whilst that was not the case, it was something which was worth considering.

**RESOLVED** to note the reports.

## **6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**RESOLVED** to agree the following date –

Thursday 27 June 2013 at 4pm

CHAIR