

Twinning committee**16:00 to 16:50****26 March 2015**

Present: Councillor Lubbock (Lord Mayor, in the chair),
Councillor Gayton (vice chair)(El Viejo) Councillors Brociek-
Coulton, Bogelein, Bremner, Jones and Maxwell:
Mary Corbould (Rouen), Waltraud Jarrold and Jill Noble
(Koblenz); and Doug Underwood and Sandra Underwood
(Novi Sad)
Ex-officio member: Councillor Brian Hannah, Chairman of Norfolk
County Council

1. Minutes

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 23 October 2014.

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

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

- Cancellation of the annual dinner and the poor attendance at the AGM could leave the future of the NNRFA in doubt and explained that the need to support such events had been communicated to members.
- The annual garden party had proven both enjoyable and successful.
- The November dinner at St Benedicts Restaurant proved to be a popular event once again.
- The joint twinning associations lunch had proven a great success with attendance at maximum and all saying how worthwhile it had been.

RESOLVED to note the report.

(b) Norfolk and Norwich El Viejo Friendship Link

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

- Contributions had been made toward the cost of building the two new classrooms at the Nuestra Señora del Perpetuo Socorro school.

- Nicaragua had leapt up the rankings in the world gender equality report, now placing sixth out of 142 nations.
- The end of the school year in El Viejo had seen 47 scholarship pupils graduate from year six.

RESOLVED to note the report.

(c) Norfolk and Norwich Koblenz Friendship Association

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

- It was emphasised that 2015 represented the 35th anniversary of the friendship association.
- The advent evening at Birkbeck Hall (Great Hospital) had been a great success, well attended and with good civic support.
- Plenty of events were coming up in 2015 including the visit to Koblenz in September.
- Notice was given to all in attendance that 'Feed the minds' book fair would be taking place on 10 – 13 June at St Andrews Church in Norwich.

RESOLVED to note the report;

(d) Norfolk and Norwich Novi Sad Association

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

- Jack would be stepping down as treasurer after 22 successful years. The records were being put into a digital format. Applications from individuals with experience were welcome.
- A reminder was given for the AGM which would be taking place on 10 April at 7pm in City Hall.
- The Novi Sad association holiday was being planned, with the most likely dates appearing to be 16 – 23 May.
- The annual Paul Cross Memorial Concert had taken place and had been a great success, raising around £1,000 for the Milan Petrovic school.

RESOLVED to note the report.

3. Application for a twinning committee grant

The twinning officer presented the report, explaining that The Garage Trust Ltd had applied for £250 to assist in costs for adults and students from Rouen to participate in workshops held in Norwich.

RESOLVED to agree the payment of a grant for £250 to The Garage Trust Ltd.

4. Date of the next meeting

RESOLVED to confirm that the next meeting of the committee will be held on Thursday, 9 July 2015 at 16:00.

CHAIR