

FAVERSHAM TOWN TWINNING ASSOCIATION

MINUTES of the Faversham Town Twinning Association Committee Meeting held at the Guildhall, Faversham on Thursday, 17 October 2019

Present: Clarissa Hanna (Chair) (CH), Trevor Martin (FTC Rep) (TM), Chris Oswald-Jones (COJ), Richard Shipman (Treasurer) (RS)

Apologies for Absence: Catherine Bessiers-Craddock, Sheila Maister; Julian Saunders

In attendance: Norma Beechey (Minutes Secretary) (NB)

1. (a) The minutes of the meeting held on 23 July 2019 were approved.
- (b) Matters arising:
 - (i) **Directory of organisations for twinning activities:** The Chair undertook to contact Annie Boudanga to obtain a progress report.

Action 1: CH

- (ii) **Education links:** The committee welcomed the report from Catherine Bessieres-Craddock (CBC) and shared her disappointment at the lack of progress. In the light of this, the Chair undertook to contact CBC to explore the options for further communication with the aim of taking this initiative forward.
- (iii) **Music Festival:** Update awaited.
- (iv) **Carnival:** The invitation had been extended but the representative was unfortunately unable to attend.

2. Events

Beer Tasting: Members reported that this had been a success and well attended. Further to a comment by RS, **it was agreed** that consideration should be given in the future to the way in which tickets were sold. The committee also wished to place on record its thanks to Julian Saunders and Sheila Maister for their significant contribution to its organisation.

Film show: **It was agreed** to defer further consideration of this until Spring 2020.

AGM 2020: **It was agreed** that this should be held on Thursday 25 June, 2020 at 7.00 pm. TM undertook to make the Guildhall booking. Further consideration would be given to identifying a suitable speaker for the event.

Action 2: TM to arrange Guildhall booking.

3. Visits to and from Hazebrouck

Christmas Shopping Trip: It was agreed that COJ would ascertain the dates of the Hazebrouck Christmas Market, after which members of the committee would

meet as a small working party to agree next steps before communicating with members. Any decision on organising a FTTA visit would be based on the latest information, as yet unclear, on the travel situation between the UK and France.

Action 3: COG to ascertain dates

Action 4: CH to organise WP meeting of those available.

Fetes de la Mi-Careme (Mid Lenten Feast): This is due to be held during March 2020. The Chair undertook to identify the appropriate person with whom to liaise on whether this presented an opportunity for a members' visit.

Action 5: CH

4. Financial and Membership Report

RS spoke to the report he had laid at the meeting. The motion to amend the designated signatories required **was agreed** and the requisite letter would be sent to the Bank. The committee thanked RS for his work.

Action 6: RS to notify Bank of change.

Visit to Hazebrouck Music Festival: already discussed under Item 1.

Visits (General): It was agreed that this would be an agenda item at the next meeting, by which COJ undertook to draw up a list of 2020 events in Faversham to inform the discussion.

Action 7: COJ; NB

5. Becoming a CIO

Following discussion, it was agreed not to pursue this at the present time. It would however be kept on the 'back burner' subject to any significant changes in the organisation's membership or financial situation.

6. Any Other Business

(i) Hazebrouck Websites/Social Media

COJ helpfully reminded the committee of the wealth of information available on Hazebrouck web and social media sites e.g. Facebook. The committee undertook to avail themselves of these sources of information and to recommend at the appropriate time that members did the same.

(ii) **Web domain:** Following discussion, it was agreed that this and other potential means of communicating/promoting the organisation would be an agenda item at the next meeting.

Action 8: NB

7. Date of next Meeting: **Thursday, 12 December 2019, The Guildhall, at 5.00 pm.**