



LOWESTOFT AND PLAISIR TWINNING ASSOCIATION



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MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY 16th APRIL 2019

AT 7.30 PM

BROADLANDS PARK AND MARINA, MARSH ROAD, LOWESTOFT

Present:	Chairman	Dr R Pulham		
	Secretary	Mrs C Durrant		
	Treasurer	Mrs C Franks		
Mr N Morris	Mrs P Pulham	Mrs P Whitlow	Mr L Johnson	
Mrs C Hemp	Cllr P Lang			

1. Apologies:

Mr R Allen

2. Minutes of March Meeting:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 12th March 2019 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters Arising:

The Ceilidh held on 30th March was very successful; a total of £793.90 was taken resulting in a profit of around £350. Colleen thanked everyone who helped and, in turn, was thanked by the Committee for all her work in organising the event. Colleen reported that there were some people present who expressed an interest in twinning.

Pat Pulham had contacted Scottish Power and requested a donation of £5,000 to go towards the expenses for My Rock Choir to visit Plaisir; she then told the company that we would now need a smaller sum but was told that, due to her honesty, they would still grant the full amount; this payment has yet to be made. The Committee agreed that we should ring-fence what is left so that,



in future, some apprentices from Sam's could be funded to visit Plaisir; there is a similar venture in Plaisir equal to Sam's. Graeme Syed is aware that My Rock Choir is being funded.

4. Treasurer's Report:

Account balances:	Current a/c	£749.37
	Savings a/c	£5,143.28
	Petty cash	£12.81

Balance cheques have been received and are yet to be banked; some payments for the visit have been paid directly into the bank account.

£50 was donated to SOLD in remembrance of Malcolm Berridge and a donation of £85 was also made on behalf of Plaisir which will be reimbursed in due course.

5. Plaisir Visit 2019:

Payment has now been received for a total of 25 adults; the two drivers will stay with families. Unfortunately, Sheila and David Hancock will be unable to travel due to David's health issues; the Committee agreed that they should receive a full refund of their deposit as the cost of the coach has been covered and it is still possible that up to four more people may join us.

Great Yarmouth Twinning Association has asked if we can bring back in the coach three or four boxes of artwork for the Great Yarmouth Arts Festival which takes place in June; we have agreed to this and collection in Lowestoft has been arranged.

The Mayor of Plaisir plans to invite some members for breakfast one morning during the visit.

Pat Whitlow has made enquiries at East Point Sports in Bevan Street about the possibility of printed mugs as individual gifts for host families and found them to be very reasonably priced. A picture of the stained glass window in the Town Hall was agreed as a good idea. ACTION: Neil and Lee to take photographs of the window. Pat Pulham to make further enquiries about the mugs and a framed canvas print as a gift from our Association to theirs.

6. Future Programme:

On Wednesday 22nd May some members from the Rouen Twinning Association will be arriving in Lowestoft en route to Norwich, bringing beer to England; they will be dressed as Vikings and some of the Beccles Twinning Association members will dress as Angles and meet them in Lowestoft; some of our Committee members have agreed to do likewise; it is not yet known at what time of day they will arrive. ACTION: Richard to liaise with Michelle at the Beccles Association.

We have been given available dates for the Boules/Fish & Chips at The Harbour Inn, Southwold and Sunday 9th June was agreed with a cost of £10 per person for cod and chips.



The Barbecue at Pakefield Church Hall has been arranged for Saturday 20th July and prices of £6 adults, £4 children under 12 and £15 family of 4 were agreed.

Lee will be pleased to arrange a Quiz, again at Pakefield Church Hall, on Saturday 14th September, subject to availability. ACTION: Pat Whitlow to check.

A film Night at Sparrow's Nest is proposed for Friday 8th November.

A craft fair was suggested for Saturday 30th November with possible venues being Uplands Community Centre, Sam's, The Bethel and the former GPO building in the town centre. ACTION: Colleen to enquire at Uplands and GPO, Lee to enquire at Sam's and The Bethel.

The Committee agreed for the Annual Dinner to again be held at The Masonic Lodge around Saturday 25th January.

7. Publicity and Promotion:

Lee to post on Facebook although Colleen said there was not much activity there for the Ceilidh.

8. Fund Raising:

As reported in Section 3 Scottish Power has pledged a donation.. Pat Pulham said that Barclays Bank equalises funds raised by some associations and charities. ACTION: Pat to make enquiries.

9: Strengthening Links:

In Richard Allen's absence there was nothing to report but suggestions for links were made, i.e. Sam's, Film Club, Firemen. The library and Lowestoft Journal have lists of organisations and we could find out what clubs Plaisir has.

10. Any Other Business:

Bernadette's granddaughter has emailed a request for a host in the Lowestoft area during August and September as she is interested in improving her English and experiencing English life..

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

11. Date and Venue of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 14th May 2019, 7.30pm – Broadlands Park and Marina.

(The pre-visit meeting will be held at the same venue on Tuesday 21st May).

