

Le Touquet - Witney - Unterhaching

Witney Twinning Association



Committee Meeting 28th November 2019, 7.00pm

Minutes

Present: Andy Wolf, Mark Pengelly, Margit Kail, Hilary Warner, Keith Harris, John Thornton, Chris Bamford, Liz Duncan, Brenda Churchill, Mark Churchill

Apologies: Mike Breakell, Lesley Morris, Felicity Hill, Ducan Enright, Owen Collins

Agenda

- ❖ Books for Phone Box Library Unterhaching
 - ❖ Le Touquet Wine Tasting Trip
 - ❖ French Speaking Group To visit France
 - ❖ Expenses for Remembrance
 - ❖ Remembrance Day Weekend Review
 - ❖ Anniversary
 - ❖ Rock Band
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- Books for Phone Box Library Unterhaching
Books have been collected and will be shipped, Brenda has offered to donate some of her books, still to be collected.
John will get in touch with Sharon and Duncan to see how best to cover the cost of the parcel.
 - Le Touquet Wine Tasting Trip
There is already a good interest and an email will be sent out to the membership to put a trip together to the wine tasting festival.

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- **French Speaking Group To visit France**

Hilary is considering putting together a trip for the French Speaking Group. More details to follow.

- **Expenses for Remembrance**

The signing of cheque for cost incurred during the Remembrance Day Weekend has been postponed due to Mike's absence from the meeting.

Signing of the second Signatory will be some upon his return.

Margit to find out about the hotel cost which appeared into to be covered. Update since the meeting, the Twinning Association will pay the hotel and Waltraut Rensch will make a transfer of £70 for her stay.

- **Remembrance Day Weekend Review**

Everyone agreed the events throughout the weekend were very successful. Nonetheless there was some very useful feedback about what can be done better next time.

- Meals name cards with meal choices
- Send meal numbers to the chef
- Dinner before the concert
- Supporting the hosts
 - Send more information to the hosts
 - Keep in touch more regularly
 - Inform if they are expected to provide meals
- What are the guests expected to pay for
- Invite the member to more specific events throughout
- Use more local places to take them to

- **Anniversary**

Brenda has a constrictive meeting with Sharon for the Town Council who said that the Twinning Association would be able to benefit from the Corn Exchange and the Gallery Room free of charge on the planned dates for hosting and the ceremony. Sharon has nuanced that should we apply for the £3000 as per the draft schedule, that we would get the amount approved. Furthermore if the twinning Association planned events using

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WODC attractions more funding might be available through the district Council to cover things like entry ticket and / or travel to the event.

Suggestion included:

- Blanket Hall
- West Witney Bowls Club
- Ferryman Inn Bablock Hythe (Skittle Alley?)
- Wychwood Brewery Tour
- Minster Lowell Ruins

Both Le Touquet and Unterhaching are looking at coming to the anniversary weekend on the 4th & 5th April 2020 with 8 people each and it would be good to ask them if they have any particular things they would like to see or do.

John will email the membership to ask whether anyone would be available for hosting and the Twin Towns have been made aware that if not enough hosts can be found that they would incur some hotel costs.

For the build-up marketing campaign, Hilary has booked the window display at the Librabry for the 17th February until the 1st March.

- **Rock Band**

There is a lot of enthusiasm by the town as well as the Music Festival organiser to have the Twin Town band come to Witney and vice versa to give a performance. John said he is in touch with a local journalist to find bands from the area. Whilst finding band to go the other way would be relatively easy.

Meeting finished at 8.20pm

Minutes prepared by John Thornton 06/12/19