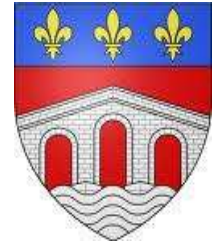




RINGWOOD & DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION TWINNED WITH PONT-AUDEMER



Pont-Audemer

Annual General Meeting 14th June 2017 **DRAFT MINUTES**

Present: Tim Ward (Mayor and President), Sharon and John Legg (Chairman), Barbara and Colin Nye (Hon Sec), Patricia Taylor, Tony and Mary Lucke, Lynn Seager, Val Harbour, Alan Bluck

1. Apologies: Trevor Pogson, Kay Sutton, Jennifer Bluck, Mike and Anne Osborne
2. The minutes of the 2016 AGM were approved
3. **President's opening remarks.**

The President welcomed everyone and stated that his involvement in the 2017 Twinning visit was a great experience, a very enjoyable event and a lot of fun. He noted that we were experiencing difficulty in finding enough members to host all the visitors. He made reference to Brexit and how important Twinning will be in maintaining links with our European cousins. Whilst we are not part of the EU now, we are nevertheless part of Europe and so our visit to Pont-Audemer is an important part of maintaining that link.

4. **Chairman's Annual Report**

A full copy of his report is filed with the minutes. In his report the Chairman made mention of Twinning activities of the last year:

2016

- June RMDS visit to Pont-Audemer
- July Garden Party
- August Cream Tea
- September Photographic display of Pont-Audemer
- October Indoor Kurling event

2017

- May Musique a Trois concert
- May Twinning visit by Pont-Audemer

5. **Treasurer's report**

The audited Accounts were submitted and a copy is on file.

The acting treasurer informed the meeting that whilst our balance was healthy our funds were still at the same level as 2010. Our recent Twinning visit cost over £1000 to put on and without all the sponsorship we had received for the visit, our lack of fund raising events has left us with only enough money to fund one more visit in 2019.

Election of Officers

There were no nominations received for any of the posts.

6. **Chairman.** John Legg agreed to continue for another year
7. **Deputy Chairman.** In his absence Tim Ward proposed Michael Thierry. This was seconded by John Legg and carried unanimously.
8. **Honorary Secretary.** Colin Nye agreed to continue for another year but on one condition, that he was not prepared to continue to organize events as well as all the other roles. If a committee isn't forthcoming then the only events will be the Twinning visits themselves until the money runs out.
9. **Honorary Treasurer.** This post remains vacant following the resignation of the Treasurer.
10. **Membership Secretary** The Hon Sec agreed to do this as the two posts merged in 2015.
11. **Social Secretary.** Remains vacant
12. **Committee members**
Barbara Nye and Sharon Legg agreed to join the committee
13. **Honorary Auditor.**
Sarah Nye to be asked to audit the accounts again in 2018.
14. **Subscription Fees for 2018**

After some discussion the President proposed we maintain the fee at £12. This was agreed.
15. **AOB**
 - 15.1 Colin Nye raised the issue of the date of the AGM being very soon after the Mayoral elections. He proposed that the event be moved to Tuesday May 8th. This was agreed
 - 15.2 Colin Nye also raised the issue of the next visit to Pont-Audemer. We have been offered two dates May 11th or May 18th as both of these include a French Bank Holiday. He pointed out that the latter date was the Fanfare for Spring weekend. It was agreed that we should accept the May 11th date.

The President thanked everyone for attending. The meeting closed at 8.00 pm.