



BRIDGNORTH & DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION

APPENDIX P

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held at the Town Council Annex on Tuesday 12th September 2017 at 7.30pm

Present: Mike Proudman, Nicky Cooper, Brett Myers, and Roger Burkey

Apologies: Anne Wilson, David Cooper, Helen Howell, and Lindy Macdonald

AGM date

Agreed as 12th October 2017 in the Town Hall if available. (Nicky subsequently confirmed this) Nicky will send out formal invitations by email this week and Brett will organise an article/notice in the Bridgnorth Journal

International Committee Meeting in Schwetzingen

Bed and breakfast at the venue is expected to cost around £150 per head for 2 nights. Agreed that Mike, Lindy and Nicky would attend and that the Association would contribute £700 towards the cost of travel, food and accommodation.

Thiers' Banner Project

Mike reported that the 6 banners had been completed to a very high standard and that photographs of them in situ would be displayed at the AGM. The Committee felt that it would be great if the 2016 banners (Thiers keep the banners for 2 years before making them available to the artists) could be displayed in the High St during the 2018 Festival. This would require the help of the Town Council.

The 2018 Festival in Bridgnorth

Nicky had circulated a discussion paper outlining some options for the festival. The Committee noted that it would be the 40th anniversary of the Charter with Thiers and a formal ceremony would be needed to mark the occasion. Mike reported that Lindy wanted to try to arrange for singing groups from the twin towns to visit for the festival and put on a short concert on the Saturday evening. Because both Lindy and Mike organise the Haydn Festival an early summer date was not practical for the twinning festival. A provisional date of 14 -17 September was agreed.

Future direction of Twinning

The Committee is short of members and whilst the Banner Project has been successful in engaging schools it has not yet brought new members to the association. Mike would try to engage parents via the schools. The U3A has a French group and Roger would arrange to speak to them about twinning. Bluntly if twinning is to continue in a meaningful form new members are needed. All agreed that the acid test would be whether we could deliver a successful festival next year with greater participation from the people of Bridgnorth

Any Other Business

None

The meeting closed at 8.30pm