

Minutes of the Helston and District Town Twinning Association Plougasnou group meeting

Wednesday 29th June 2022

Council Chamber, Helston

Those present: Alan Laughler, Judy Laughler, Rebecca Hill, Sam Hill, Philip Hanman, Julia Chambers, Tom Chambers, Lizzie Gibson, John Gibson

Apologies: Dee May, Mike Thorn, Heather Thorn

Item	Action
1 Approval of the minutes of the meeting 18th October 2021	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The minutes were read and approved, proposer Phil Hanman, seconded by Rebecca Hill 	
2 Treasurer's Report	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is £4173.91 in the bank. • Amounts received from the British Embassy in Paris and Cllr Mike Thomas's Community Chest offset the expenditure incurred for the recent visits 	
3 Secretary's report	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The website has been updated and Julia knows how to access • The facebook page has been updated and Julia is now a joint admin with Phil • Julia has become a third cheque signatory • Unfortunately, no representative could attend the Cornwall Twinning Association meeting in Lostwithiel • We did not submit a team to the Cornwall Association's Boules Competition • Mike and Heather have announced their intention to step down from twinning and Mike will resign as deputy Chair at the next AGM. They have been great supporters of twinning and will be very much missed. We hope they will stay in touch and continue to remain friends of the twinning • The recent reciprocal twinning visits were very successful. A report will be sent to the British Embassy Paris. A presentation on the visits was shown after the main business of the meeting. 	Julia with Christine Bon
4 Potential Visit from Plougasnou in Autumn	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A number of members expressed a willingness to host visitors from Plougasnou in autumn • Potential dates: Weekend of 17th September (to coincide with a ploughing match at Degibna) or 6/7th October 	Julia to discuss with Christine
Any Other Business	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Julia confirmed that a letter of thanks had been sent to Humphry Davy School for the loan of the minibus • Phil is keen to start a Café Polyglot in Helston using the Penzance one as a model. Possible locations were suggested – CAST, Godolphin Club, Seven Stars (now the Inn and Still). Julia to contact them to find out 	Julia Phil

feasibility. Suggested start, beginning of September on Thursday evenings	Julia, Spike, Phil
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Social events/fundraising : Spike offered to host a social event in July. A quiz night at the football club to be organised as a fundraiser	

The committee meeting closed at 7.45pm

After the formal meeting, The Mayor, Councillor Tim Grattan-Kane, Judith and Robert Haycock and Sam Ramsden (apologies from Keren Lindsay and The Marquis family) attended for a presentation on the visits funded by the British Embassy. The Mayor spoke briefly about the importance of twinning to the town and the potential for future collaborative events and congratulated the steering group for the success of this year's visits.