

# Minutes of the AGM of the Helston and District Town Twinning Association Plougasnou group

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2025

The Corn Exchange, The Guildhall, Market Place, Helston

Those present: Philip Hanman(chair), Dee May, Julia Chambers (secretary), Tom Chambers (vice chair) Winter Ramsden (treasurer) Lindsey Rayner, Spike and Judy Laugher, Giuliana Hanman, Kevin Boyle, Lizzie Gibson, Cllr Nicola Boase,

1. Apologies: Del Hayton, Nic and Jackie Harrison, Cllr Mike Thomas
2. The Mayor. As president, took over the meeting. The minutes of the last AGM held on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2024 were read. It was pointed out that the accounts were presented at the April 2024 meeting not the AGM. With this noted, the minutes were approved. Proposed: Spike Laugher, seconded Judy Laugher.
3. Chairman's Report. As read see below
4. Treasurers Report: There is £2743.17 in the current account and £50.38 cash held. The accounts have been independently verified and were circulated at the meeting.
5. Secretary's Report. As read see below
6. Election of officers:  
Chairman: Phil Hanman, prop Julia Chambers, second Winter Ramsden; unopposed  
Secretary: Julia Chambers prop Winter Ramsden, second Judy Laugher; unopposed  
Vice Chairman: Winter Ramsden prop Phil Hanman, second Spike Laugher; unopposed  
Treasurer: Lindsey Rayner prop Winter Ramsden second, Judy Laugher; returned unopposed  
Social Sec: Julia Chambers prop Phil Hanman, second Spike Laugher, election unopposed  
Safeguarding Officer: Phil Hanman prop Julia Chambers, second Judy Laugher
7. Meeting dates 24/25:  
December 2025 Ordinary meeting and Christmas Social  
Meeting dates to be set at the next ordinary meeting
- 9 AoB  
Rebecca Hill will be removed from the bank signatory list and Lindsey Rayner and Phil Hanman to be added

There being no other business the meeting closed 8.20pm

## Chairman's Report 10 11 2025

Christmas 2024 – half the takings from the previous year – fewer people, worse weather and a clash with the Porthleven Switch on. We had a pleasant Christmas social at Julia's

March – quiz night. Reasonable attendance and a small profit. Enjoyed by all.

June – visit from Plougasnou:

22 people. Visits included, Truro museum, a Civic Reception, an excellent evening at the An Gof Ceremony in St Keverne, a day out in Penzance at Golowen, for which we owe a huge debt to the Mayor of Penzance who gave our group a lovely welcome (Pz is twinned with Concarneau, but were not due a visit this year) and spontaneously provided lunch. Thanks also to Humphrey Davy school for providing parking. Phil and Giuliana opened their house for the day providing refreshments and a chance to rest and we had a delicious dinner at the Singing Rooster.

On Sunday we went to the gallery at Trelowarren and some people managed to squeeze in a beach swim, there was lunch at Fat Apples and an afternoon at the Lizard with a tour of the Wireless Station. Lindsey and Kay entertained us with a fantastic dinner at Polkanugga. We said goodbye on Monday with a brunch at Julia's.

Sadly we were not able to attend the Mayor choosing this year

Phil and Giuliana travelled through Plougasnou in the summer and received a fabulous welcome, they organised a beach party, and attended a Jazz Festival and a Forum of local charities and associations. (Lindsey also visited Plougasnou this year and had a similar warm welcome)

Our association was represented at Helston Service of Remembrance by Winter, me and Julia and we laid a wreath.

Finally we were all sad to hear of the passing of Rene Reguerre, one of the mainstays of the Plougasnou Helston Twinning since its inception.

## Secretary's Report 10 November 2025

Actions from last year's minutes:

- A clause has been added to the membership form to ensure data is held as per the constitution
- The mayor has been added to the list of email recipients

Membership information:

- Thirteen members have completed a membership form, however membership stands at 24 members, with a few more people who have shown an interest but not yet attended any meetings or completed a form.

News from Plougasnou:

- The dates for the visit in 2026 are roughly 24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> June, so please block these dates out in your diaries. We will be attending the Pardon at St Jean and there is the chance that a choir from Helston Community College will accompany us (tbd)
- In sadder news, we heard about the death of one of the original twinneders, Rene Reguerre.