

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

**Monday October 16<sup>th</sup> 2023 7.30pm**

**The Council Chamber, The Guildhall, Market Place, Helston**

Those present: Dee May, Rebecca Hill, Julia Chambers, Tom Chambers. Sam Ramsden (chair).  
Chrissy Campbell. Lindsey Rayner

1. Apologies: The Mayor, Sam Hill, Philip Hanman, Sian and Hugh Harris, Spike and Judy Laughher
2. The minutes of the last AGM held on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022 were approved. Proposed: Rebecca Hill, seconded Tom Chambers.
3. Chairman's Report. As Phil was unable to attend, the secretary's report was more detailed.
4. Treasurers Report: See attached. The group has £3755.54 in the bank and £103.69 in cash. We have been given wine for the Christmas Switch-on by our friends in Plougasnou and have suggested that Sasso Marconi give a donation of around £20 for their share. Sam told the meeting that we were due a payment from Helston Council for around £300 for publicity materials
5. Secretary's Report. As read. It was suggested that the Polyglot publicity include facebook shares on noticeboard pages from villages around the Lizard.
6. Election of officers:  
Chairman: Phil Hanman, prop Tom Chambers, second Julia Chambers; unopposed  
Secretary: Julia Chambers prop Sam Ramsden, second Rebecca Hill; unopposed  
Vice Chairman: Tom Chambers prop Sam Ramsden, second Chrissy Campbell; unopposed  
Treasurer: Sam Ramsden prop Julia Chambers second, Rebecca Hill; returned unopposed

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7 50pm

## Secretary's Report 16 October 2023

The arrangements for the Christmas Switch on went well and we have since decided to include a teddy tombola and raffle of our fundraising stall in 2023

A Quiz night in March was well attended and made a reasonable profit. Another was held in September, but with fewer numbers and less profit, so we will work harder on publicity in future

We hosted visitors from Plougasnou for Flora Day. In the evening there was an opportunity to decorate, slightly curtailed by poor weather. They enjoyed Flora Day and were able to watch the King's Coronation at Julia's house. The following day there was a community tea organised in the Coronation park which our visitors enjoyed although travel arrangements meant that they left early. One of the highlights of this trip was being able to meet with some visitors from Sasso Marconi

The second visit was a more formal one in September and trips were organised to St Michael's Mount, Trelowarren, Falmouth/the Motorbike Museum in St Austell. There was a formal meal at Henlys attended by the Mayor and our guests watched the Carnival on Saturday afternoon. It was felt that although the meal at Henlys was enjoyable we might find a different venue next time.

The café polyglot is still running, every other Wednesday at the Inn and Still, Coinagehall Street, Helston and we have booked dated into December. Thanks very much to Phil and Giuliana for organising this. Numbers vary, but it has been successful

I attended a Cornwall Twinning Association meeting in April which was very useful and threw up some interesting information about Brittany Ferries. It is also handy to see how other town twinings are working.

### **Membership**

We have welcomed some new members this year as a result of the Café Polyglot