

## Notes of the Helston and District Town Twinning Association Plougasnou visit wash-up meeting

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2025, Amberley Monument Road Helston

Those present: Phil Hanman (chair), Julia Chambers (sec), Winter Ramsden (Treas), Giuliana Hanman, Lindsey Rayner, Judy Laughher, Spike Laughher, Roselle Tredinnick, Kevin Boyle, Vicki and John Marshall, John Gibson, Sian Hughes, Dee May	Action
1 Apologies:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lizzie Gibson</li> </ul>	
Phil introduced the meeting. The trip had been a great success and we all enjoyed it and felt that our guests did too. Points to remember for future/comments on each event were then discussed	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The arrival of guests on different days made it a bit awkward (eg hosting and collecting other guests at the same time). This was made trickier by Rene being unable to come, so the Bretons being a car short. This might be easier in future as anyone wanting to arrive at a different time could make private arrangements with hosts.</li> <li>The programme was very crowded. This would be avoided in future by arranging dates well ahead and ensuring we can offer hosts for every guest so that there can be more “down time” with hosts (difficult this year as some visitors did not stay in a family home)</li> </ul>	
Friday	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Museum trip went well. Julia paid and has been reimbursed. Lunches for visitors can be can be reimbursed up to £10. Requests to Winter.</li> <li>Mayor’s reception – disappointing on catering and welcome side. Suggest that in future we organise a civic event ourselves (get funding from Council’s grant round) and invite Mayor.</li> <li>An Gof evening – fabulous, all worked very well. Julia awaiting cost from Karen.</li> </ul>	JMC
Saturday	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Golowan – thanks to Phil for organising and hosting during the day. Thanks also already sent to the Mayor of Penzance for his welcome and hospitality which gave us a chance to rest and eat at lunchtime. Thanks to Vicky for organising. A donation of £100 to be given to his charity prop Vicky seconded John Gibson, unanimously carried.</li> <li>Evening meal, Singing Rooster. Great meal and service. Slight downside with accessibility (food laid out on ground floor but tables upstairs). Payment made with the supplement paid by Julia to be reimbursed Prop Lindsey second Kevin unanimously carried</li> </ul>	
Sunday	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trelowarren- great welcome and thanks due to Dee for organising and Martin Grimshaw for providing coffee and cake. Thanks needed to Martin</li> <li>Fat Apples – excellent meal and service. Thaks to Lindsey for organising. Fat Apples has been paid</li> <li>Wireless Station visit. Very successful (despite a party of Germans turning up at the wrong time) It was very helpful that Lindsey was able to give a talk in French. A donation of £100 has been made</li> <li>Evening meal at Polkanugga – Lindsey given a round of applause and thanks also to Kaye and Kitty. Lindsey’s expenses to be reimbursed, prop Winter, seconded Julia, carried unanimously.</li> </ul>	JMC
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<p>Lessons:</p> <p>More downtime with hosts, consider accessibility when planning meals and events</p> <p>Planned visit to Plougasnou will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend (poss Weds to Mon) of June 2026 and from Plougasnou to Helston 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend 2027. Dates will be finalised in good time to facilitate planning</p>	JMC
Date and location of next meeting TBD, quiz night to be planned in mid October	