## Helston & District Town Twinning Association Minutes of the general meeting, held on 8/7/2019, following the AGM

**Present:** Ruth and Martin Bywaters, Phil and Giuliana Hanman, (John Martin and Shirley Bassett (for a sort time)) Neil Bassett, John Osborne, Ann Higgins, Jane Field, John and Nicki Boase.

## **Apologies:**

Lesley Ibbotson, Anne Tryhorn, Anne Muller, Margaret George and Felicity Blight.

Minutes of the last meeting held on 12/03/2019 were read and proposed as a true record by Martin and seconded by Shirley.

Matters arising from these minutes:

Maura's bench has been made and is situated on the grass opposite the sunken Garden in the Coinage Ope. The bench was funded partly by HTC, HDTTA and donations. Ruth will write an official thank you to Helston Town Council and John Martin was thanked personally at the meeting for funding the engraved plaque. Following the meeting those present visited the bench for a photo opportunity.

Ruth explained that she had had a meeting with Tricia and was advised that the Sasso youth band Onda were interested in an exchange with the Helston School Jazz Band. Neil was asked to follow this up with the musical director of HSJB, Clive King, it was agreed that the two musical directors should arrange visits directly, with our help.

As the HSJB had just gone on a trip to France, Neil explained that this would not be done immediately.

Funding was discussed, and Ruth offered to approach the HTC for funding, however she would need a firm commitment to back up her application, which would dneed to be in by September 19.

Tricia had also explained that they could host 14/15 people in October and that the dates for the Tartufesta are 26/27 October 2019. Ruth would set up a new Whatsapp group for those interested in going and would make a short list if over subscribed....

The following have shown an interest

Ruth Bywaters Phil Haman The Osborne Family =6 Anne Tryhorn Anne Muller John and Nicki Boase Felicity Blight and Children =3 Lesley and Leigh Ibbotson

<u>Short list</u> Ann Higgins

Further discussions would be done via Whatsapp rather than try to arrange another meeting at short notice.

Tricia also expressed an interest in Dancing the Midday Dance on Flora Day. Jon and Esther were also keen to dance, so Ruth suggested that she applies on their behalf through twinning. Tricia would need to find a partner, but had suggested one of her brothers previously. The application would need to be in by the end of January 2020.

Due to some people having problems with attending meetings on Mondays and others on Tuesdays it was decided to stagger the ensuing year's meeting dates as follows;

Tuesday 17 Sept 2019 Monday 11 November 2019 Tuesday 14 January 2020 Monday 9 March 2020 Tuesday 21 April 2020 Monday 11 May 2020 a social evening BBq at Bodilly Vean, when the Italian delegation is visiting Helston Monday 13 July AGM

Subject to the availability of The Guildhall

Phil suggested that we have more social events in between these dates, because we had not met since our March meeting. Jon would message everyone with casual invitations and those who would like to join him could do so...

The bottle raffle was won by Martin.

The meeting closed at 20:17

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