

Helston & District Town Twinning Association
Minutes of the general meeting
held on Monday 16 January 2012, at 7.00 in the Guildhall, Helston

Present: , , Dee May, Martin and Ruth Bywaters, Margot Bywaters, Nigel & Judy Hannaford, Vicki and Keith Matthew, Nicki Boase, Nick Martin, Bat Bowley.

Apologies: Pam Blackburn, Eileen Bland, Simon Phillips, John Boase, Shirley and Neil Bassett.

Correspondence: Seasonal best wishes have been received from members of the Plougasnou and Sasso Marconi Twinning Associations.

The Minutes of the last meeting were approved as a true record, proposed by Vicki and seconded by Nicki.

Matters arising.

The Christmas fair: Nigel thanked everyone who helped during the 3 fund raising events over the Christmas period. It was agreed that most of the fund raising ideas were a success; however it was thought to drop the Name the Teddy in future. It was also suggested that any old Greetings cards could be saved for the purpose of making small gift boxes to use at future events and that everyone collects small items throughout the year to put into them, thus sharing the costs and alleviating last minute problems.

Martin explained that after all the expenses were paid the two groups would receive £390.33 each.

The box making evening is scheduled for Monday 23 January at 7.00pm at 3 Roselidden Park. If you would like to attend please take the following items with you:

'Prit' Stick, Scissors, Pencil, ruler, something useful for scoring paper, cutting board and greetings cards.

The social has been arranged for 25 February 7 for 7.30 at Mullion Golf Club, at a cost of £17.00 per person. The meal will consist of an Italian Buffett, dead line for the dinner is 1 February, all cheques payable to H&DTTA and posted to Martin Bywaters, (Treasurer) Little Trenethick, Redruth Road, Helston, Cornwall, TR13 0LS.

There will be a raffle and proceeds will be split between the town twinning groups on the proviso that enough members of the Plougasnou group attend.

Ruth proposed that this annual event be moved to a more relevant date in the year for the future. It was agreed that the social should coincide with the date of the original twinning agreement signing, therefore there will be a second event held in October (Details to be arranged).

It was not confirmed that the Plougasnou group would be having a social to date.

Plougasnou update: This group have not yet found a Permanent place to hold their meetings and will await the result of the HDTTA grant application from Helston Town Council. However there is a possibility that they could have the use of a room at Helston Community College free of charge.

Plougasnou are proposing a Cornish Theme event on 31 July. Vicki and Keith will arrange discussions with various choirs who have shown an interest in visit Plougasnou.

Following a query from Patrick Jeudon, from Plougasnou regarding group and association exchanges, it was agreed that all enquiries should go via the twinning associations.

Ruth and Martin will be hosting a student from Plougasnou for 2 month from the beginning of May. Felix Chadwick will be undertaking a work experience project with Ruth and Martin during this time. This will be a pilot scheme and it is hoped that future project of this nature can be arranged. This will raise the profile of twinning.

Treasurer's Report

The account stands at £ 5500.00

Martin suggested that as a lot of this money is ring fenced for the cook book, we should encourage the Sasso team to finish the Italian translation.

Any other business

Following the recently successful quiz night, Judy offered to provide more quizzes throughout the year if thought worthwhile. The event proved to be good fun, although not a high fund raiser it did raise awareness. It was agreed to hold a further quiz on 23 March, on the proviso that the room in The Football Club is available and that we could have it for free.

Nicki offered to display any advertising literature as required.

Vicki suggested that people check their Tesco Club Card vouchers on line. In the event that you may think you have lost them, and therefore would not miss the monetary value, they can be downloaded from www.tesco.com and redeemed. The equivalent value could be donated to twinning.

Margot has offered to host a Cheese and Wine evening on 20 April at 7.00pm, more details on this to follow.

The wine raffle was won by Vicki.

The date for the next meeting is 19 March 2012, 7.00pm in The Guildhall.