

COMBERTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the 6th Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 4th May 2006 in the Village Hall

Committee Members present

Malcolm Wright (Chairman)
Peter Mitton (Treasurer)
Mary Catlin (Secretary)

Members present

Shirley & Dennis O'Mulloy	Jean Bacon
Sally Maynard	Ivan & Brenda Brown
Sandra Hyde	Brian & Margaret Cook
Betty Cole	Barbara Mitton
Mavis Jackson	Margaret Hardy
Colin Morison	Barbara Cox
Nerys Wright	Harry Browne
Mike & Jane Winney	Liz Bland
Derek Catlin	

Apologies for absence

Paula & Andrew Hollick	Chris Westgarth
Dorothy Morison	Liz & Mike Hooker
Janet & Brian McCabe	Roger & Val Livermore
Ann Webb	Ken Jackson

Minutes of the A.G.M. held on the 12th May 2005

These were accepted as a true record. Proposed by Dennis O'Mulloy and approved by all members present.

Matters Arising

Insurance – the group cover, costing £39, arranged through Comberton Village College has now been cancelled by the insurance company due to lack of organizations participating. We have now arranged alternative cover at a cost of £205. Public Liability insurance cover is needed for our social and fund raising events.

Annual visit from Le Vaudreuil – It had been suggested that we try to organize the visit to coincide with a local event. During the visit this year the Meridian School is organizing a day of activities, including a stall entitled “Rendevous”, where it is hoped that French and English families will meet. There will be various stalls and attractions between 10a.m. and 4p.m. There is also a spring sale at the Church. The Association is organizing guided tours of Cambridge on Sunday morning. The main event of the weekend will be a ceilidh on the Saturday evening.

Wine tasting – This was held in December – Sandra Hyde provided a ploughman’s supper and Waitrose provided wine (free of charge) for tasting and a competition.

French films – This has been difficult to arrange, because of license requirements and equipment. Harry Browne has written to the Arts Theatre, but has had no response. Denis and Shirley O’Mulloy have several French films, which they would be prepared to lend to members.

Annual Dinner – This was a very successful event at Madingley Hall. The dinner will be held at Madingley Hall this year on June 28th.

Chairman’s Report

A copy of this is attached.

Secretary’s Report

Mary Catlin reported that Eileen Marsh had resigned from the committee, so we are now one member short.

The membership has increased from 70 to 78, which is made up of 63 adults and 15 children – 35 households.

We continue to seek more members and ask everyone to do their best to advertise the Association.

The Annual Dinner will be on Wednesday 28th June at Madingley Hall – details to be sent out in the next few weeks.

Our visit to Le Vaudreuil will take place on the weekend of 22nd- 24th September.

Finally, members were asked to inform the Secretary of any changes to their details, particularly email addresses.

Treasurer’s Report

Peter Mitton distributed the Statement of Account for 2005. He reported that our bank balance at the end of the year £2701.45. We had received during the year a European Grant (applied for by the Valderoliens) and an Awards for all grant – these amounted to £1196.12. Without these grants we would not have a surplus of funds this year. The annual Quiz Night is essential for fund raising, so that we can entertain our French visitors and keep the cost of the weekend visit to Le Vaudreuil at a reasonable price. Our visit in September had the benefit of free travel through the tunnel and this would not be available this year.

Adoption of the annual statement was proposed by Mike Winney and accepted by all members present.

Election of Committee Members

Nominations for Chairman – Peter Mitton proposed by _____ seconded by Liz Bland. No other nominations were received and all present were in favour. Peter Mitton was duly elected as Chairman

Nominations for Treasurer- Dorothy Morison proposed by Colin Morison, seconded by Jane Winney. No other nominations were received and all present were in favour. Dorothy Morison was duly elected as Treasurer.

Mary Catlin was willing to remain secretary.

Malcolm Wright, Brian McCabe and Ann Webb were all willing to remain on the committee. All members present were in favour of them standing for a further year.

Peter Mitton thanked Malcolm for his hard work, commitment and enthusiasm as Chairman. It had been Malcolm's idea in 1998 to arrange a twinning for the Millenium. Although his original idea had been to twin with a village in Holland, no suitable village could be found and after visiting Le Vaudreuil it was agreed that this would be a suitable twinning partner. Malcolm has worked very hard over the last seven years and has proved particularly good at obtaining grants.

Malcolm was presented with a gift of Champagne and Secateurs.

Ivan Brown, seconded by Brenda Brown, proposed that Malcolm and Nerys be made Honour Members of the association. This was carried unanimously by members present.

Social events

The Annual Dinner as previously reported to be held on the 28th June.

It was agreed that the number and type of social and fund raising events should remain the same – these to include the boule and quiz night.

It was suggested that we move the Christmas social event to January or February and this to be another wine tasting evening.

Any other business

Mike and Jane Winney reported that as a result of the Twinning they had taken a group of 50 engineers to Le Vaudreuil, where they were made very welcome and had a very successful visit.

Mike also reported that the tree donated by the Valderoliens and planted on the green in Harbour Avenue was not looking healthy. Mike and Jane would be prepared to replace the tree if it does not survive. The tree to be looked at by the village tree warden.

Hosting – about 40 people will be visiting from Le Vaudreuil in May. We are still waiting for confirmation of names and numbers.

Liz Bland asked if the ceilidh could be advertised to non member families.

Date of next year's Annual General Meeting

It was agreed that the date would be arranged later, preferably about two weeks before the annual visit from Le Vaudreuil in May.