

COMBERTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the 7th Annual General Meeting held on Friday 11th May 2007 in the Village Hall

Committee Members present

Peter Mitton (Chairman)

Dorothy Morison (Treasurer)

Mary Catlin (Secretary)

Ann Webb

Brian McCabe

Malcolm Wright

Sandra Hyde

Members present

Colin Cullis

Liz Bland

Nerys Wright

Margaret and Paul Hardy

Colin Morison

Barbara Mitton

Roger and Val Livermore

Derek Catlin

Ivan and Brenda Brown

Steve Webb

1. Apologies for absence

Brian and Margaret Cook

Claire and David Coulson

Stephen Grounds

Jean and Amanda Bacon

Shirley and Dennis O'Mulloy

Andrew and Paula Hollick

Barbara and Tony Cox

Janet McCabe

Jane Winney

Gerard and Brigitte Lebegue

2. Minutes of the A.G.M. held on the 4th May 2006

These were accepted as a true record and approved by all members present.

3. Matters arising

There was nothing to discuss under this item.

4. Chairman's report

A copy of this is attached.

In addition the chairman added that a donation of £600 had been made by Le Vaudreuil to the new village hall fund. A plaque marking this generous donation was being put up in the village hall.

Also he had received a letter from Jane Winney which thanked everyone in the Association for their support following the death of Mike.

5. Secretary's report

At the last Annual Meeting we were one committee member short and following the meeting Sandra Hyde agreed to be co-opted onto the committee.

The membership has gone down from 78 members to 73, made up of 60 adults and 13 children. The number of households remains at 35.

Members were reminded that the annual dinner is to be held on the 4th July at Madingley Hall and details with booking forms will be sent out at the beginning of June.

Our visit from Le Vaudreuil will be on the weekend of the 21st – 23rd September. Members were reminded to notify any changes of details, particularly e-mail addresses.

6. Treasurer's report

Dorothy reported that when she took over as Treasurer last year the bank balance was twice what it is now, but we have had the expense of two visits to Le Vaudreuil in succession. The current balance is £1010.87, so we still have a cushion but not too comfortable, although there are no bills outstanding immediately. We need our quiz and if possible another boost from some sort of fund raising and hopefully a fuller coach next visit.

The accounts have been audited and signed off by Terry Coad.

A lengthy discussion followed this report regarding our funds and membership. As the visits to Le Vaudreuil cost more than we receive we have three options:-

1. Increase the cost of travel.
2. More fund raising
3. Visits to Le Vaudreuil taking place every other year.

No decisions were taken, but these questions will need to be considered during the year.

The question of increasing the membership was then discussed. It was agreed that word of mouth was the best advertisement. A leaflet has now been prepared for delivery to new village residents. It was also suggested that we again advertise the Association in the magazines of nearby villages. An advertisement for new members could be put on the village notice board.

The school exchange was very successful and this might eventually attract new members.

It was suggested that on the forms for booking for the visits to France we should ask members if they would prefer to be hosted by families who speak some English.

7. Election of Committee members

The committee members were all willing to stand for a further year and were all re-elected by members present.

8. Ideas for future social events

The events already organized are:-

Annual dinner – 4th July costs to be agreed and forms to be sent out to members a.s.a.p

Barbeque at Brian and Margaret Cook's house – July

Boule at the Three Horseshoes – August

Quiz – November.

Liz Bland suggested that the Combertones would be willing to perform at a social/fund raising evening possibly in February.

9. Any other business

There was a letter in Contact magazine from Jeanne Bordet looking for a position as au pair in July.

An e-mail had been sent from Gerard regarding our visit in 2008. The Tall Ships Armada takes place next year between the 5th and 14th July. It was suggested that we might like to time our visit during this time. Everyone at the meeting agreed that it would be O.K. to make our visit at this time.

Also, the new Salle de Fete in Le Vaudreuil will be opened sometime between June and September and the Mayor (Bernard Leroy) had asked if we would like to attend the opening and take part in the cabaret.

10. Date of 2008 A.G.M.

The meeting next year will take place during May.

Paul Hardy thanked the committee for the work during the year.