

COMBERTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the 10th Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 20th April 2010 in the Village Hall

Committee members present:

Peter Mitton (Chairman)	Brenda Brown
Mary Catlin (Secretary)	Brian McCabe
Ursula Patmore	

Members Present

Roger & Val Livermore	Andrew & Paula Hollick
Paul & Margaret Hardy	Sally Maynard
Jean and Amanda Bacon	Malcolm & Nerys Wright
Betty Cole	Mavis Jackson
Sandra Hyde	Liz Bland
Derek Catlin	Barbara Mitton
Ivan Brown	Marie Simpson
Janet McCabe	Chris Westgarth
Jane Winney	

1. Apologies for absence:

Dorothy Morison	Steve & Ann Webb
Ken Jackson	John Bland

2. Minutes of the 9th AGM held on the 19th May 2009

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

3. Matters arising

The new Salle de Fete (known as the Pavillon des Aulnes) has now been opened and Peter and Barbara Mitton attended the formal opening when they presented a painting of the pond in Comberton. This had been painted by Betty Cole who was duly thanked.

Poses twinning – despite several positive responses we have been unable to introduce a village from this area.

4. Chairman's report

A copy of this is attached

A discussion took place regarding our visits to Le Vaudreuil. Several members felt that we should continue with visits every year if possible, but it was accepted that we cannot afford to subsidise the travel if the coach is not fully occupied. Leaving earlier on a Friday to enable a visit to somewhere en-route would be a problem for children and adults would need to take time off work.

Jane Winney proposed that the annual subscription be increased to £10 per adult this was seconded by Margaret Hardy and carried by a majority.

Further discussion regarding fund raising is under item 8.

5. Secretary's report

The secretary reported that membership is now at 58 (49 adults and 9 children), which was made up of 28 households. The lowest the membership has been in recent years. As agreed before the membership will only increase by personal introductions particularly encouraging young families to join.

6. Treasurer's report

The treasurer sent a written report and a copy of the accounts which had been audited by Terry Coad.

We have a reasonable balance of £1672.52 although we had spent £1451.18 more than we raised during the year. We will need to encourage more members to join in the September visit to maintain a reasonable balance.

7. Election of committee members

All members of the committee were re-elected.

8. Ideas for future fund raising/social events

The barbeque to be held on Thursday 15th July will be more of a fund raising event. Food will be provided by the association with an increase in the price for attending. There will be a raffle during the evening.

It was proposed by Jane Winney that a second quiz night be held. This will be a "Valentine Quiz Night" on Saturday 12th February. This event will be organised by Jane Winney and Sandra Hyde.

Other ideas included a lottery syndicate.

This year's Quiz Night will be on the 13th November.

The summer dinner to be held in late June and it was agreed that the Peoples Hall in Toft and a public house should be approached for prices and availability.

9. Any other business

The questionnaire sent out to members earlier this year produced few responses. A donation of 475 euros towards the defibrillator in Le Vaudreuil was presented during the April visit. This will be purchased before our September visit and will be inaugurated by Jane Winney.

Regarding our visit to Le Vaudreuil Liz Bland suggested that those members who could afford a higher price could pay more if they wished.

Last weekends visit from Le Vaudreuil had been a success and the Ceilidh was enjoyed by members and the visitors. Jane Winney thanked the committee for organising the weekend.

10. Date of next AGM

This will be held in May 2011