

COMBERTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the 15th Annual General meeting held on Thursday 4th June 2015 at 7.30 in the Village Hall

Committee members present

Peter Mitton (Chairman)	Brian McCabe
Glynis Ellis (Secretary)	Ann Webb
Rachel Cook	Stephanie Young
Paul Hardy	

Members present

Liz Bland	Sally Maynard
Margaret Hardy	Barbara Mitton
Mark Housden	Chris Westgarth
Jane and David Hughes	Nerys and Malcolm Wright
Janet McCabe	Vince Young

1 Apologies for Absence

Amanda & Jean Bacon, Brenda Brown, Dave Ellis, Andrew & Paula Hollick, Sandra Hyde, Louise Povey & Simon Jones, Jenny & Kieran Walsh.

2 Minutes of the A.G.M held on the 4th June 2014

The minutes were accepted as a true record and approved by all members present, proposed by Jane Hughes, seconded by Margaret Hardy.

3 Matters arising

Mary Catlin has been given two bottles of wine as a thank you for her work as Secretary. The wine tasting did not take place but could be organised in the future.

4 Chairman's report

A copy of this is attached

5. Secretary's report

Glynis took over responsibility for collecting membership subscriptions this year, which made it easier to keep track of who has paid and who needs a gentle reminder. This year 30 households (59 adult members) renewed. This includes 8 families with children under sixteen. Four members resigned this year, the Greshams because they are moving away from the village. Two members have not yet renewed membership despite hosting this year. Chris Westgarth will follow this up.

6 Treasurer's report

In the Treasurer's absence, Glynis read out the information from an email received. The books are away so we are unable to have a complete report until they are back. The income and expenditure is the same as last year and the balance as of 31st March is £1878.22. Members raised concerns that this was unsatisfactory as the approval of accounts is a fundamental business of an AGM. It was suggested that as this is the second year accounts have not been fully presented (last years' were approved subject to audit) an assistant Treasurer could be appointed to ease the load.

7. Election of Committee Members

The committee members were all re-elected, proposed by Jane Hughes, seconded by Vince Young, and agreed by all members present.

8. Suggestion for any future fund raising/social events

Members asked about the costs and income of events and visits but we did not have the information to answer this fully. The quiz is the main fundraiser: numbers were down this year but it still made a profit. This was offset by an almost full coach to Le Vaudreuil and cheaper costs for the brunch as opposed to a Sunday roast. It was agreed that the quiz, Barbecue and Annual Dinner were sufficient social events, as well as the AGM supper. This year's BBQ has been brought forward to 9th July in the hope that it does not clash with Meridian school events. Several members volunteered to provide desserts and Glynis will collect payment.

The dinner held at St. Edmunds was attended by a small but appreciative group, who had an excellent meal in pleasant surroundings, making it a special occasion. Thanks to Liz Bland for organising this. We agreed to Liz' suggestion of holding the 2016 meal at Cambridge Regional College, where the students provide good food at reasonable cost. We should organise and circulate the date and information further in advance.

9. Any other business.

The next visit to Le Vaudreuil is October 30th to November 1st to coincide with half term. It will be a morning start to catch a mid-morning shuttle arriving at Le Vaudreuil in the evening after a stop at Albert to visit the Musée Somme 1916, and the town if there is time. A ferry crossing was considered but the timescale made it unfeasible. An 8.30 start was proposed, but Peter will liaise with the coach company to see if an earlier time is possible.

Tribute, led by Malcolm Wright, was paid to Ivan Brown one of the founding members of the Twinning Association. Ivan was Secretary for the first five years of the Association and played an important role in making it successful. He had a great sense of humour and wrote the words of a clever song which we sang at the cabaret in Le Vaudreuil to celebrate the 100th Anniversary in 2004 of the signing of L'Entente Cordiale agreement (see Village Website– www.comberton.org.uk Twinning/ Events).

The meeting closed at 8.20 p.m., followed by a vote of thanks to the Chairman and the committee for their work over the past year, proposed by Margaret Hardy.