

COMBERTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the 16th Annual General meeting held on Wednesday 25th June 2016 at 7.30 in the Village Hall

Committee members present

Peter Mitton (Chairman)
Amanda Bacon (Treasurer)
Glynis Ellis (Secretary)
Brenda Brown
Rachel Cook

Paul Hardy
Brian McCabe
Ann Webb
Stephanie Young

Members present

Jean Bacon
Bland Liz
Godfrey Curtis
Pauline Curtis
Margaret Hardy
Ann Housden
Mark Housden

Hyde Sandra
Sally Maynard
Janet McCabe
Barbara Mitton
Chris Westgarth
Malcolm Wright
Nerys Wright

1 Apologies for Absence

David Ellis, David & Jane Hughes, Pauline & Stephen Grounds, Simon Jones, Louise Povey, Caroline & Richard Mulderidj, Jane Reed, Andrea Tait, Steve Webb

2 Minutes of the A.G.M held on the 4th June 2015

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

3 Matters arising

Item 6: the accounts have been audited.

4 Chairman's report

A copy of this is attached. Would it be possible to apply for grants as in the early years of CTA?

5. Secretary's report

There were two committee meetings to conduct CTA business.

Membership was down this year: twenty-four households renewed, three families with children are not renewing and I have had no response from two households. Three new families have joined including one with children.

It was suggested that membership could be renewed at the quiz evening as it is so well attended, and it is difficult to get payment and forms to the other end of the village. It was agreed that members would be given internet banking details as an alternative.

6 Treasurer's report

The treasurer handed out copies of the accounts, including a useful comparison of years 2013-16. The balance is £2,030.34, not including £40 late payment of subs. The visitors' dinner showed a loss.

The accounts were adopted subject to audit, proposed by Barbara Mitton, seconded by Margaret Hardy and passed by members present.

The dinner for our visitors in April shows a loss but it was felt that it was good value for outside catering, that we are given a good meal when we visit. Putting up the members' price to cover costs might deter families with children. Coach hire is expensive but a smaller coach would only save £200. We are not a profit making group so we should continue as we are as long as we continue to cover costs by fundraising.

7. Election of Committee Members

The current committee members (see above) were all re-elected, proposed by Janet McCabe, seconded by Margaret Hardy, and agreed by all members present. There had been no other nominations.

Peter Mitton has stood down as the committee had appointed Paul Hardy to take over the role. He took over as Chairman for the rest of the items.

8. Suggestion for any future fund raising/social events

Paul has contact details for publicity in other villages.

Suggestions for publicity:

a stall at the Meridien fete on 26th June with French flags and publicity and boules

a stall at the church fete in August?

Sandra Hyde will ask if it will be possible to have a presence at Pudding in the Park.

Village Show - a special class for competition

a boules pitch

Suggestions for social events:

a games morning, rounders with Sunday lunch

Godfrey and Pauline kindly offered to host the BBQ at Manor Farm on July 7th.

It was agreed to continue the Annual Dinner. The Park Restaurant had been very good and excellent value for money, but table arrangements could be made more communal or we could move between courses.

9. Date of next AGM: May 2017 to be confirmed after possible dates confirmed by the Village Hall Lettings Secretary (Stephanie)

10. Any Other Business

The next visit to Le Vaudreuil is October 30th to November 1st to coincide with half term, with a stop at Nausicaa aquarium, Boulogne. The visits in 2017 will change over with a visit to Le Vaudreuil already booked for early April.

There are concerns about the imbalance in numbers between French and English visitors. It was felt that new French members are joining for the visit to London and not for a continuing relationship with Comberton. Also mothers and teenagers [boys] were difficult to accommodate.

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. Liz Bland thanked Peter and Barbara for their valuable contribution over the last ten years and there was a presentation to show our appreciation.