

COMBERTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the 19th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on Wednesday 12th June 2019 at 7.30 in the Village Hall

Committee members present

Paul Hardy (Chair)

Amanda Bacon (Treasurer) (left after Item 6)

Glynis Ellis (Secretary)

Peter Mitton

Caroline Mulderij (co-opted 21.3.19)

Malcolm Wright (co-opted for the duration of anniversary process)

Rachel Cook (during Item 4)

Members present

Liz Bland (during item 8)

Paula Brown (during item 8)

Godfrey Curtis

Pauline Curtis

Margaret Hardy

David Hughes

Jane Hughes

Ailish Meadows (during Item 4)

Barbara Mitton

Nerys Wright

1. Apologies for absence: Jean Bacon, John Bland, Brenda Brown, Davis Ellis, Pauline & Stephen Grounds, Sas Hughes, Sandra Hyde, Deb Lee, Nigel Kinnings, Christine Lloyd-Fitt, Brian & Janet McCabe, Arthur Meadows, Richard Mulderij, Ann & Steve Webb, Suki Williams, Richard Winski, Stephanie Young.
2. Minutes of the 18th AGM held on the 13th June 2018: accepted by all present as a true record, proposed by Margaret Hardy, seconded by Amanda Bacon.
3. Matters arising from the Minutes unless on the agenda.
AOB – Godfrey Curtis has accumulated photos for the album to be produced.
4. Chairman's report.
Paul Hardy referred to his previously circulated report. Some points arising were that the anniversary visit had been a success, Caroline had given a flyer geared to families to CVC but there was no response, we should read the two new policies (safeguarding and equality) on the website, we should let people know you don't need a big house to host, and the possibility that we could suggest a visit to the Normandy landing sites in September. Malcolm and Brian were thanked for all their work with grant applications and fundraising.
5. Secretary's report.
Membership is similar to last year. We have 45 members including a life member and a 16 year old, and 6 children. Two members did not renew but we have three new members. There were extra committee meetings this year in the run up to the April visit [as we had 3 events to organize instead of the usual one]
6. Treasurer's report.
Amanda circulated copies of the audited accounts. Glynis has a copy signed by Lesley Wells. The current balance is £1,445.70. It is estimated that with the income from the BBQ and Quiz we should be able to subsidise the coach in September and leave a similar balance. The income for the April visit includes the grants of £290. It was noted that the cost of the visit was much higher than usual. This was mainly due to the special 20th Anniversary lunch at Girton College, where as well as paying for the French we also partly subsidised members. One of the Blue Badge tours was free, and one, half price. The accounts were accepted by all present, proposed by Jane Hughes, seconded by Godfrey Curtis.
7. Election of Committee members
Malcolm Wright stood down from the committee. All the other committee members were elected en bloc, including Brenda Brown, Brian McCabe and Ann Webb in their absence, proposed by Jane Hughes, seconded by Barbara Mitton. We were pleased to welcome a new committee member: Ailish Meadows, proposed by Jane Hughes, seconded by Margaret Hardy. The 2019 – 2020 committee list is attached.

8. Future plans

a. September visit to France, and future visits

The coach is booked for 20th – 22nd September, leaving at 4pm. There should be enough funds to subsidise it at the normal rate depending on numbers, but participants will be advised if there is a small increase in cost. There had been a positive response to the email asking for interest in the visit. After this anniversary year we will resume one visit per year unless membership numbers improve as two per year is not financially viable. It was suggested that the following visits in 2010 and 2021 could be in spring then the next two in autumn.

b. Social events.

Pauline and Godfrey have kindly offered to host the BBQ on 7th July. It was suggested that we invite potential members that we have spoken to. The hall is booked for the quiz on 16th November. Last year's quiz raised more money than anticipated but we need more tables this year.

Members agreed to the possibility of an annual dinner next year at the Park restaurant, possibly a buffet meal, and a party if someone is amenable to hosting it.

c. Publicity and fund-raising

Publicity has been ongoing (see Chair's report) but with little response, apart from one new member who joined after seeing our notice in Cambourne's magazine. Paula wrote a piece for this after joining. Suggestions from the floor included:

- Applying to Tesco and other supermarkets for grants with a view to publicising the association
- Offering to sponsor the Swimming Club through paying to advertise on membership cards.
- Emailing a flyer to primary schools in surrounding villages
- Informal suppers given by members for neighbours [with children]
- Publicising the BBQ by word of mouth
- More regular notices in parish magazines. A local contact in magazines might be more approachable e.g. Ailish in Coton
- Point friends and neighbours to the website <http://CombertonTwinning.org.uk>,

9. Date of next meeting: May or June 2020 tba

10. Any other business.

There are several apps for help learning French – suggestions welcome
Keep up to date with the website (there are two new policies added)
The committee were thanked for all they had done this year.

The meeting closed at 8.40

Just a couple of points if I may...

I gave my apologies but can't see them recorded (I am reading on my phone so may have missed it) There's a typo on your husbands name and in Paul's report he says that the parish council turned down the funding application. That's not correct... it was on the agenda but as no amount was requested it could not be considered and was deferred...

<http://www.comberton.org.uk/pcminutes/190313%20compc%20minutes.pdf>

With kind regards,

Chris