

## COMBERTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION

### **Minutes of the 21st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on Wednesday 22nd September 2021 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall and via Zoom**

#### **Present** \*committee members

**In the Hall:** Liz Bland, Rachel Cook\*, Godfrey\* Pauline & Johnny Curtis, Glynis Ellis\*(Secretary), Paul Hardy\*(Chairman), Margaret Hardy, Sandra Hyde, Barney McCullough, Caroline Mulderij\*, Suki Williams, Malcolm & Nerys Wright. Brenda Brown\*arrived during Item 4.

**On Zoom:** John Bland, Jane & David Hughes (arrived during item1), Colin & Dorothy Morison, Brian\* & Janet McCabe, Chris Westgarth

Before Item 1, a motion was presented by the chair to minute the following statement regarding voting rights, proposed by Paul Hardy: *“That all attendees including those linked electronically to the meeting shall enjoy the same rights as if they had attended in person”*. There were no objections.

- 1. Apologies for absence:** Amanda Bacon\*(Treasurer)& Jean Bacon, Paula Brown, Linda & Philip Dennis, Dave Ellis, Pauline and Stephen Grounds, Christine Lloyd-Fitt & Nigel Kinnings, Ailish Meadows\*, Richard Mulderij, Peter & Barbara Mitton, Marie Simpson, Ann\* & Steve Webb, Richard Winski, Stephanie Young
- 2. Minutes of the 20<sup>th</sup> AGM held on the 16<sup>th</sup>September 2020** – previously circulated by email. Accepted nem con by all present as a true record
- 3. Matters arising** from previous Minutes unless on the agenda: none
- 4. Chairman’s report** (see attached) Paul read the previously circulated reports. The visit from Le Vaudreuil would be a bank holiday weekend. A show of hands favoured a return visit in September2022 rather than May 2023, to be discussed later. Paul was thanked for keeping the Twinning Association going during another difficult year.
- 5. Secretary’s report.** Glynis reported that most of last year’s 48 members (including a life member plus 5 children (27 households), renewed membership but the few that did not were still counted in the light of the unusual circumstances. There was one committee meeting in October where we agreed subs should be at £0 for 2021. Other arrangements were organised by email, namely the January zoom get together and the summer BBQ, thanks to Paul and Doodle polls. PH pointed out this was not strictly in line with the constitution which should be revisited. Glynis apologised for not acknowledging some AGM replies but just found that several contacts were blocked in her email account, hopefully now rectified.
- 6. Treasurer’s report.** The account was summarised by Paul in the Treasurer’s absence. The balance of £2,557.34 is slightly more than 2020 mainly due to a small profit from the BBQ. The report was approved nem con subject to receiving a copy signed by the auditor.  
Membership: PH proposed reverting to £10 fee, seconded by DM and agreed nem con We agreed that under 18s in full time education should be £0, proposed by Chris, seconded by JH.
- 7. Election of Committee members** \*. Rachel is standing down and was thanked for her contribution. Other committee members were elected en bloc, proposed by JH, seconded by J McC. Barney McCullough was elected to the committee, proposed by SH, seconded by MH. 2021 – **22 list of members attached**
- 8. Future plans**
  - a. **Visits** to and from Le Vaudreuil. A further show of hands showed that 14 members present favoured a September 2022 visit to Le Vaudreuil, while 7 preferred Spring 2023. This will be put to the wider membership after the May visit here.

- b. **Social events.** Godfrey and Pauline Curtis reported that they are happy to host the BBQ next year. The feeling of the meeting was to have a quiz in March next year as there is no quiz this autumn and it is a way to bring in new people – we will ask Peter Mitton to arrange.
- c. **Membership** – the need to recruit new members was discussed, and targeting the new Birdlings estate was suggested. All members asked to try and talk to neighbours, particularly anyone new to the Village. Barney said he would try to publicise the twinning in Toft.
- d. **Long-term future** of twinning – to be discussed further after next visits.

**9. Date of next meeting:** June tba if possible.

**10. Any other business:** Paul was thanked for running a hybrid meeting although it was difficult for those on Zoom to hear comments made by attendees in the hall.

Meeting closed at 8.35