MINUTES of the Faversham Town Twinning Association Committee Meeting held remotely on Thursday 21 May 2020

Present: Clarissa Hanna (Chair CH), Julian Saunders (JS Minutes), Trevor Martin (TM – FTC representative), Catherine Bessières-Craddock (CBC), Richard Shipman (RS)

Apologies: Chris Oswald Jones (COJ), Norma Beechey (NB)

1. Minutes of Committee Meeting on 27 February 2020 and matters arising

Minutes approved and accepted.

CBC reported on her phone conversation with Martine Dauchez and that it was not possible to progress educational links work currently.

Noted that other potential activities also on hold.

2. AGM arrangements

Agreed to move AGM to September and that if it wasn't practical to hold it as a physical event to organise it online with email and postal voting by members to agree Annual report and accounts and elect committee. All those present said they were happy to re-stand for the committee.

JS reported that Suzanne Gerhardt the potential speaker has work commitments 11 to 25 September. Agreed to set provisional date of 30 September and if a physical event is not possible to ask Suzanne to do a presentation via a video app on the lockdown in Hazebrouck. **Action** JS

Reports for meeting to be ready to be issued to members by 25 August. **Action:** RS to prepare financial report. JS and NB the annual report. CH will prepare a letter for members by the end of July about AGM arrangements

3. Financial and Membership report

RS reported that there was a current bank balance of £3,516 and that 17 members had renewed membership currently. He will chase up subscriptions in the lead up to the AGM. **Action**: RS

4. Renewal of the Association Post Covid.

CH will lead an email group looking at the relaunch of the Association once we have returned to a new normal. JS, CBC and TM agreed to be involved in the discussion. **Action**: CH

PLEASE NOTE: Have confirmed with Deputy Town Clerk that the original town twinning ceremonies took place on **14/15/16 July 1961**.

5. Date for next meeting

Proposed: Thursday 23 July 2020 at 5.00 pm. (This is likely to be a virtual meeting.)