

FAVERSHAM TOWN TWINNING ASSOCIATION

MINUTES of the Faversham Town Twinning Association Committee Meeting held at the Guildhall, Faversham on Thursday, 27 February 2020.

Present: Catherine Bessieres-Craddock (CB), Clarissa Hanna (Chair) (CH), Trevor Martin (FTC Rep) (TM), Chris Oswald-Jones (COJ), Julian Saunders (Vice Chair) and Richard Shipman (Treasurer) (RS)

In attendance: Norma Beechey (Minutes Secretary) (NB)

1. Apologies for Absence: None
2. The minutes of the meeting held on 9 January 2020 were approved.
3. Matters Arising:

(a) The Chair reported that there would be good FTTA representation at the Mayor's Banquet.

(b) The Chair reported on her recent meeting with our link person Martine Dauchez during a private visit to Hazebrouck.

4. Financial and Membership Report

The Committee set a target of increasing the membership from 54 to 60 by the next meeting.

5. 2020/21 Membership Subscription

The Committee resolved unanimously to maintain the subscription rate at its current level and that this should be put to members at the AGM for formal ratification.

6. Events Programme

(a) Mi-Careme - it was reported that the party going from Faversham would be 11 including the Mayor and her partner who could attend for the Sunday only. Final arrangements for the weekend were co-ordinated.

(b) Film Show - CH reported that this would now be on 6 May 2020 at the Arden Theatre. JS and RS undertook to take forward work on publicity, ticket prices, sale of tickets etc and TM the technology available at the Arden. RS also undertook to find out about Eventbrite as a means of ticket purchase,

(c) Education Links - CBC provided an update on the current position in respect of the proposed exhibition and tree planting. It was agreed that once the way forward had clarified, it would be necessary to set up a small working group involving other interested organisations to take this project forward. JS then

drew attention to an email received from a local primary school wishing to form links with a French school. CBC undertook to contact the school.

- (d) AGM Speaker - CH reported on a suggestion which had arisen during her recent meeting with the Deputy Town Clerk which she was pursuing both in this context and that of any 60th Anniversary event. Committee members suggested a couple of other possibilities which would also be pursued with the aim of reaching a final decision at the next meeting.

7. Flower Festival at St Mary of Charity, 8-10 May 2020

Following discussion, it was agreed that participation in this event would be a good way to demonstrate our shared allegiance in a significant event and also raise the FTTA profile. RS undertook to obtain more information on the detailed arrangements.

8. Promoting the organisation

- (a) Management of Facebook page - JS agreed to take this on temporarily but efforts would be made to find a volunteer to take it on.

- (b) Updating FTTA information on FTC website - NB undertook to do this.

- (c) Progress on identifying a Secretary - it was noted that the Constitution required the organisation to have a Secretary. In the absence of anyone coming forward to take on this role, it was agreed that the work would be contained as now until the AGM when the matter would be revisited.

9. Meeting with Deputy Town Clerk - CH reported that it had been a useful meeting, held predominantly to clarify any protocols in place and also to strengthen our communication within the Town Council and Faversham residents.

10. Future event to celebrate 60th anniversary of the FTTA in 2021

It was agreed that further discussion would take place when it could be informed by follow up conversations with others with deeper knowledge of FTTA history.

11. Any Other Business

None.

12. Date of next Meeting: **Thursday, 21 May 2020**, The Guildhall, at 5.00 pm