

FTTA Management Committee Meeting 5.00pm Thursday 28th January 2021

Minutes of meeting held via Zoom

1. Apologies for absence- Trevor Martin
 - ❖ Chris was at the meeting but not on screen. Thank you for participating, Chris.
2. Minutes of meeting held 10th Nov 2020 accepted.
In the absence of Trevor M educational links will be raised at next meeting.
3. Membership update
Richard S confirmed membership numbers stand at 45. He has sent out 18 reminders of whom 8 replied. Julian S offered to screen the current list to verify status of members who have not responded.
This compares with 68 in the previous year.
Agreed that Cllr A. Hook be kept on notification list.
4. Financial matters
Richard explained that he can now scan cheques which means that there should be no delay in paying in to the FTTA account.
Currently £3,673.32 in the account.
5. Book, "The Plague" by Albert Camus
Catherine has drafted some possible questions for discussion. Thank you, Catherine.
She will also make a list of the main characters to attach.
Catherine will draft a flier inviting members and other interested parties eg. book club members and French conversation students at Atelier Language Studio to join us in a Zoom discussion.
Date agreed as **Thursday 4th March 4.00-5.30pm via Zoom with break in middle.**
Responses with deadline of Monday 1st March to be sent to FTTA gmail account. Suggest that if there are any queries about this event they call Catherine or Clarissa on telephone numbers to be confirmed on the flier.
6. Proposed change of name of FTTA
Richard reported 5 responses, 2 in favour and 3 strongly against.

The meeting agreed that Clarissa would write to Peter and the other member in favour giving the response to the consultation and indicating that there appears to be no desire on the part of the overwhelming majority of 45 members to agree to this proposal.

7. Future events

Agreed that a Film event should be offered in the Spring. Trevor B offered to research a list of 5 popular French films with easy access and share with group. Members will be invited to send in their preferred choice from this list.

8. 60th Anniversary of twinning with Hazebrouck

We acknowledged that a physical meeting up was unlikely but we could offer ideas to share eg a special anniversary newsletter with photographs and remembrance of past events. Trevor B and Clarissa volunteered to set out a timeline and come up with some ideas as to how we might mark this important milestone.

Julian will consult with the relevant tree planting team in the town re choice of a tree and recommended season to plant it to mark the anniversary.

Clarissa will email Matthieu in Hazebrouck to establish how they might wish to celebrate with Faversham, including a tree planting also.

AOB

Julian provided details of the Faversham Town Lottery in aid of local charities. It was agreed that we should all seek further details on the Council website which Chris reminded us is in the public domain.

Julian will establish if he is deemed to have a conflict of interest. He, Richard and Trevor B will study the template for application.

If we consider it appropriate to add FTTA to the list we have time to do so at our next meeting.

Date of next meeting – Thursday 25th February at 5.00pm

The agenda will focus on the Faversham Lottery, 60th Anniversary ideas and proposed film event.