

Faversham Town Twinning Association Management Committee Meeting

Held at 17.00 on Zoom Tuesday 10th November 2020

Present : Catherine Bessieres-Craddock, Trevor Bryans, Clarissa Hanna, Chris Oswald-Jones, Julian Saunders, Richard Shipman, Trevor Martin

- 1. The Chair welcomed Trevor Bryans to his first meeting. Trevor confessed his Francophile status and said he looked forward to further visits to Hazebrouck and to participating in the activities of the FTTA.**
- 2. The Chair expressed her disappointment at the technical difficulties encountered at the AGM. JS felt that the papers sent out beforehand and the opportunities given to would- be attendees to comment on were sufficient in themselves to enable members to raise issues.**

3. Membership

Richard reported that to date there are 35 members who have renewed their subscriptions, with 20 as yet not paid.

Richard will send out a 'friendly' reminder letter and Clarissa will refer to it in the impending newsletter.

- 4. The Committee was delighted to learn that the newly elected Mayor of Hazebrouck has responded warmly to the Mayor of Faversham's congratulatory letter. We now have a named person with whom to communicate and Catherine and Clarissa will follow up with a letter outlining our achievements to date and reiterating our wish to re-establish contact as soon as circumstances allow.**
- 5. Educational involvement Trevor, as Chair of the Abbey School will enquire about the existence of any links between the Abbey and schools in Hazebrouck. He has ideas about how networks might be expanded. Clarissa wondered how possible it might be to encourage a couple of Faversham schools to send messages of goodwill to schools in Hazebrouck.**
- 6. Possible Film Night event**
After discussion it was agreed that Catherine's suggestion that we invite members to read Camus "The Plague" and to then watch the film, available on Amazon Prime and on YouTube, should be advertised to members. Members could either read the book, watch the film or both. Discussion, on Zoom, to be held at the end of January.

- 7. Motion from Peter Flower at the AGM to amend the Association name to Faversham and District Town Twinning Association.**

Some members recalled that this suggestion had been made 4 years previously and that after due consideration it was felt that there was insufficient support to follow through on PF's motion and it was not voted through. In any case our Twinning with Hazebrouck is a formal arrangement in writing and any change would have to go through the Town Council. The Chair has checked out the origins of the Town Twinning Association movement and it was clearly set out to establish partnerships, twinning arrangements and even 'sister' towns. Our membership secretary confirmed that there are several members who live outside Faversham town. Our mission is to be inclusive of everyone in the area who wishes to join. It was agreed that the forthcoming newsletter would mention PF's motion and to seek membership opinion.

- 8. Julian was congratulated for his excellent organisation of the highly successful cycle ride on October 20th to mark the anniversary of Sheila's death. A very good amount was raised for Cancer Research, a charity very much supported by Sheila.**

Clarissa