

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Faversham Town Twinning Association held at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday, 10th November, 2022 at Faversham Guildhall

1. Welcome. Clarissa Hanna warmly welcomed those present including visitors Pascale Mitchell and Lesley Govier. She recorded her thanks to those who had served on the management committee in the last year.
2. Apologies for absence were received from :-
Richard and Jane Shipman
Chris Oswald-Jones
John and Christine Strand
Eileen Allen
G. Nash
M. Springett
3. Approval of Minutes of AGM held on 11th November, 2021
These were signed and approved with no amendments made.
4. Chairman's Report. The Chairman read her report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.
5. Financial Report.
The financial report had been previously circulated to members and was approved without amendment. The Chairman expressed thanks to the Treasurer Richard Shipman for his hard work, and to Denis Parrott for auditing the accounts.
6. Election of members to the FTTA Management and Planning Committee
Clarissa Hanna agreed to remain Chairman for one further year.
(Proposer : The Mayor Cllr Trevor Martin, Seconder : Trevor Abram)
Julian Saunders agreed to remain Vice-Chairman
(Proposer: Clarissa Hanna, Seconder : The Mayor Cllr Trevor Martin)
Richard Shipman agreed to remain Treasurer and Membership Secretary
(Proposer: The Mayor Cllr Trevor Martin, Seconder : Tim Wishaw)
Catherine Besieres-Craddock to continue as Education Liaison
and Hazebruck Ambassador
(Proposer : Clarissa Hanna, Seconder: The Mayor Cllr Trevor Martin)
The Mayor Cllr Trevor Martin represents Faversham Town Council
Trevor Bryans to continue as liaison with QE and cultural activities
(Proposer: Christine Ford, Seconder Trevor Abram)

Three new members were elected to join the committee:
Margaret Abram - with a special interest in the archives of FTTA
Stephen Craddock – developing links with cultural groups
Eileen Allen (in her absence) – development of musical activities between both towns/ events

Christine Ford agreed to continue as Minutes Secretary for a further year.

7. Action Plan. In response to the proposed Action Plan presented by the Chair, those present made the following suggestions:-
- a) Plan for future sustainability
 - b) Explore a more diverse programme of events between towns e.g. football match and other sporting events,
 - c) Exhibitions, Picnics – continuing Dejeuner sur L’Herbe
 - d) Bigger presence in town (leaflets, Faversham trail)
 - e) Activities between Schools and Colleges
 - f) Themed cultural activities
 - g) Newspaper articles
 - h) Rotary Club links
 - i) Wine and culinary evenings – with talks
 - j) French film (already expected in the New Year)
 - k) Visitor exchanges
 - l) Rebuild links with the two Carnival associations

The action plan was adopted by those present and it was suggested the Newsletters contained information about the progress of these ideas.

Trevor Bryans thanked the two respondents to the survey he had circulated and reaffirmed the message that more opportunities to socialise would be welcomed.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20 p.m

After an interval for refreshment four French residents of Faversham Catherine, Eric, Emilie and Pascale gave delightful short talks on their lives in our town. It was heartening to hear that all felt welcomed and integrated into Faversham life and are very much contributing to our community.