

Minutes of FTTA meeting 1st July 2024 at 4.30 pm

Present: Margaret A, Julian S, Catherine B-C (Chair), Steve B-C, Richard S, Clarissa H, Trevor B.

Apologies: Christine F, Eileen A, Tina M.

1) Minutes of last Meeting:

These were accepted.

2) Finance Report

Richard confirmed that funds currently stand at £3,413.

Membership position is 34 paid up members and 13 members who have not paid their subscription.

The annual insurance premium has been paid.

The meeting thanked Richard for his continued meticulous work as secretary.

3) and 4) Communication with Hazebrouck

Catherine has continued to communicate with a key contact in Hazebrouck Jean-Michel Saus

She reported that a Town Twinning Committee (similar to ours here in Faversham) had its first meeting last week.

This committee will have to have its terms of reference ratified by the Hazebrouck Town Council.

Jean Michel is on that committee and will keep Catherine informed of developments.

Martine (our previous contact in Hazebrouck) had been invited to the Committee first meeting but was not able to attend. She will however do her utmost to attend future meetings

In terms of collaboration with Hazebrouck our meeting decided to focus on two key areas, namely music and sport.

The actions arising from this are:

a) Catherine will contact Ben Saul to see how music links with Hazebrouck could be developed.

And

b) Julian will contact Faversham FC to see if there are possibilities, for example, for joint tournament participation, or youth team visits.

There will be a meeting in Hazebrouck on 30th August to coordinate all the various voluntary and other groups in Hazebrouck.

Action:

We will draw up a list of similar groups in Faversham to send to Hazebrouck by the middle of August.

The meeting also agreed that most of this info should be made available on line.

5) Arrangements for 14th July Bastille Day in the Physic Garden from 4 pm to 6 pm.

a) Vivien and Tony will provide background French themed accordion and guitar music.

b) We will make sandwiches for the day. Catherine will contact committee members and others who have offered to help to discuss how they can contribute

c) Catherine will arrange for cakes and Cremant on the day. Anyone willing to bake a few cup cakes with blue, white and red icing please contact us There are glasses on site but Richard and Trevor can bring some more if needed.

d) Committee members and anyone willing to help should arrive between 2.45 and 3pm to set up the food, drinks, bunting and French flag.

e) Richard has tickets etc for the raffle. As before we each can bring along 'something French' for the raffle.

At present there are around 25 attendees. If more people are invited it is essential to let Ricard know names and numbers.

Richard will send out an Email confirming numbers and names of attendees.

Maximum capacity on the day is 40 people.

Meeting closed at 5.45 pm

Trevor B

Minute Taker.