**MINUTES OF THE**

**TWINNING COMMITTEE FOR CORNWALL AGM**

**held on 20 November 2022**

**at The Penventon Hotel, Redruth**

Welcome to everyone. The Chairman went through the safety procedures.

**1 Apologies**

Prior to meeting: Lilian Polkinghorne (Redruth), Keith Shaw (Callington), Nick Warrick (Lostwithiel), Rachel Killick (Truro-Morlaix), Laura Seater (Newquay), Jane Gibson (Torpoint), Mike Pascoe (Restormel)

**Attendees**: Rick Lumley (Callington), Sue Lumley (Callington), Penny Young (Hayle), George Daniel (Hayle), Vicky Brown (Lostwithiel), Ron Moyle (Redruth), Vanessa Moyle (Redruth), Janet Fincher (Torpoint), Eric Fincher (Torpoint), Chris Martin (Torpoint), Richard Rowlands (Newquay), Janet Rowlands (Newquay), Alison Jones (Porthleven & Sithney), Charlene Ramsey (Porthleven & Sithney), Alison Mandeville (Truro Morlaix), Laura Eyre (Truro Morlaix), Martine Davies (Truro Morlaix), Julia Chambers (Helston/Plougasnou), Sam Ramsden (Heslton/Plougasnou), Giuliana Hanman (Helston Sasso), Phil Hanman (Helston Plougasnou), Steven Daniell (Restormel), Lesley Friel (Restormel), Karen Bennett (Penzance), Peter Crumoler (Penzance), Beatrice Kerno (Porthleven & Sithney)

**2 Minutes of last AGM**

Minutes of the last meeting were accepted. These were proposed by Alison Mandeville (Truro-Morlaix) and seconded by Karen Bennett (Penzance). Passed unanimously.

**3 Matters arising**

None

**4 Correspondence**

There had been the usual day-to-day emails, for example updating of delegates etc.

Rick thanked associations who have responded to the plea for constant updates of officers and their contact details. He reiterated that information should be sent to the secretary as soon as any change is made to ensure the maintenance of communications. Without it there can be no circulation of minutes, agendas, notification of the *boules* competition, the general meetings at Lostwithiel nor of the AGM. Above all, associations will miss out on important information about affiliation fees and public liability insurance cover.

An invitation for 50th anniversary of Brittany Ferries on 2 January 2023 had been received.

**5 Chairman’s Report**

During the year we have continued meeting at Lostwithiel with varying numbers in attendance. It was a cosy and welcoming venue for General Meetings. The Penventon always does us proud and seems to please delegates.

There had been lots of changes in associations, and some were no longer fully operational. Others are in the process of reinventing themselves and we wish them well in their endeavours. We do need to take on board future changes post-Brexit – passports, for example, will be required for European partners coming on a weekend visit.

Twinning will have to evolve. How do we make connections? Possibly no longer face to face. Transport problems – expense of group travel and hire of coaches. One third of Callington people will be traveling by car on their next visit. There is hardly any difference between group prices and costs using Club Voyage discount.

Problems raised by Truro – date of expiry of passports and not allowing foot passengers to book cabins. Restormel mentioned ETAIS required from May? / September? Make sure that you are stamped out of the European country. GHIC cards now replace EHIC. Beware dodgy websites that charge for things that are actually free.

There are challenging times ahead. TCC exists to relieve potential problems either by attending meetings or by communicating via the website.

Sue rounded up by thanking everyone for keeping going. She also thanked the TCC committee members for their continued efforts.

**6 Treasurer’s Report**

Due to the fact that there had been no activity during the past year, no financial report was presented.

**7 Election of Officers**

Sue Lumley handed over to the Secretary. It was proposed by Steven Daniell (Restormel) and seconded by Alison Mandeville (Truro-Morlaix), that Sue Lumley be reinstated as Chairman. There being no other nominations, this was passed unanimously.

Sue retook the chair. The following nominations were made:

Alison Mandeville (Truro-Morlaix) proposed that the present Secretary be reinstated. Seconded by Janet Fincher (Torpoint). There being no other nominations, accepted unanimously.

Now that his other commitments had been completed Mike Pascoe (Restormel) had offered his services as Treasurer. He had been unable to attend today’s meeting but in his absence, and there being no other candidates, he was elected unopposed as the new Treasurer.

The officers for 2022-2023 would therefore be: -

Vice Chairman Beatrice Kerno (Porthleven)

Secretary Richard Lumley (Callington)

Treasurer Mike Pascoe (Restormel)

**Post-meeting notes**

***Mike has been unable to take up the post owing to personal reasons***

**8 Election of Posts of Responsibility were as follows:-**

Publicity Officer Beatrice Kerno (Porthleven) Agreed unanimously

Webmaster Richard Lumley (Callington) Agreed unanimously

Beatrice’s email address for press copy is: ***beatricekerno@yahoo.co.uk***

It was made clear that Beatrice’s role was to co-ordinate press releases, rather than create them, and that it was the responsibility of associations to provide her with relevant articles, ideally with a photo.

**ACTION: All Associations and their members**

**9 Change to the Constitution to facilitate On-line Banking**

Discussion took place on amending the constitution to facilitate the use of online banking. It was stressed that there was a need to ensure secure access. It was proposed that Mike investigates the best way to bank in the 21st century and reports back at the next AGM. Proposed by Alison Mandeville (Truro Morlaix) and seconded by Beatrice Kerno (Porthleven). Passed unanimously.

**Post-meeting notes**

***Due to the reasons mentioned above in Item 7 no progress has been made as it was felt that this should be left to the incoming treasurer to choose the most convenient method for themselves.***

**10 Future Developments in TCC**

**Lottery**

Discussion took place on the continuation of the biannual lottery. It was felt that it was an inordinate amount of work for the person organising it and that the present economic climate would probably mean that businesses would be less likely to donate prizes. Many affiliated associations had not made full use of the lottery. Many of the prizes in the past had been difficult to use as the location was too far distant. Overall, it was felt that local associations could probably make better use of local options and the meeting felt that the lottery should no longer be offered. Proposed by Vicky Brown (Lostwithiel) and seconded by Alison Mandeville (Truro Morlaix). Passed unanimously.

**Number of meetings per year**

Discussion took place on the sense in maintaining three General Meetings per year as well as the AGM. Both sides of the argument were supported: continuity of contact was felt to be positive, whereas history had shown that driving considerable distances in possibly inclement weather in January has put people off; and holiday commitments had often diminished the September meetings. As a trial, it was proposed that next year we should meet just twice - on Sunday 16th April for a General Meeting in Lostwithiel and on Sunday 19th November for the AGM at the Penventon (tbc) with an additional social gathering for the annual *boules* competition in Truro on Sunday 11th June.

Proposed by Sue Lumley (Callington) and seconded by Phil Hanman (Helston Plougasnou). Passed by a majority.

**11 The Edwin & Ernestine Jones Memorial Bursary**

Associations were reminded that it had been agreed at a previous General Meeting that the Bursary would not be raised as a continuing agenda item, as no offers were ever forthcoming. However, the Bursary would continue to be offered. Details are available on the TCC website, where further details concerning the bursary were available.

**ACTION: All Associations and their members**

**12 County Boules Tournament**

Sunday 11th June was proposed for the 2023 event.

Associations were urged to join in with the fun.

**ACTION: Beatrice Kerno (Porthleven) to book piste in Truro**

**13 Dates of Future Committee Meetings**

As per Item 10, 16th April was proposed as the one and only General Meeting of 2023.

**14 Date of next AGM**

The 2023 AGM would be held on Sunday 19th November. Proposed by the Chair. Passed unanimously.

Penventon would provisionally be next year’s venue. Beatrice would research alternative venues to compare facilities, menus and budgets.