TWINNING COMMITTEE FOR CORNWALL

Minutes of General Meeting

Sunday 20th January 2019 at 2.30pm at St Bart’s Church Hall, Church Lane

1. **APOLOGIES**

Jill Whitehead (Launceston), Keith Shaw (Callington), Margaret George (Truro-Morlaix)

**MEMBERS ATTENDING**

Sue Lumley (Callington) [chair], Richard Lumley (Callington), June Thomas (Bodmin French), Nick Warrick (Lostwithiel), Yvonne Byles (St Germans), Jenny Daniel (St Germans), Alison Mandeville (Truro-Morlaix), Lilian Polkinghorne (Redruth), Janet Fincher (Torpoint), Christine Martin (Torpoint), Roger Holmes (Liskeard), Beatrice Kerno (Porthleven), Peter Crumpler (Penzance), Karen Bennett (Penzance), Laura Paillat (Co-operation Finistère/Cornwall)

1. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

Proposed as a true record by Nick Warrick (Lostwithiel) and seconded by Alison Mandeville (Truro-Morlaix). Accepted unanimously.

1. **MATTERS ARISING**

Lilian Polkinghorne reported that, of 2500 tickets, 2247 had been sold and 253 were unsold, lost or not returned. This may sound that enough had been printed, but they were not always in the right place at the right time. It would seem that 4000 would be the right number to order. The printer had not delivered the best offer, with some books having six tickets and some four. The quality of the paper was almost too good and the size would not fit into a regular envelope. A new printer would need to be sourced. It was generally felt that the tickets ought to be available for the January meeting. These points had already been raised at a previous meeting and therefore no vote was necessary.

1. **CORRESPONDENCE**
2. The hall is available on this Sunday, and on 1st Sept, but not on 14th Apr.  The hall is available, however, on 7th April and 21st April (Easter Sunday). Discussion took place and it was decided to re-arrange the next meeting for 28th April.
3. Penryn Twinning Association informed other associations that they have seats available on their coach travelling to Audierne in Brittany on Wednesday 8th May 2019.

They will be leaving Penryn early evening to take the overnight ferry from Plymouth to Roscoff and then continuing to Audierne on Thursday morning.

Their return is on Monday 13th May, travelling on the 1500 Ferry from Roscoff arriving back in Penryn later that evening.

They usually travel on a full-size coach and so will have plenty of available seats. If any members of other twinning groups would like a ‘lift” to either Roscoff or Audierne, in order to visit their nearby twinning friends (or to simply enjoy some time in France!) they would be very welcome to join with Penryn, offering them a convenient door-to-door trip and helping to reduce the cost per person. At the moment the cost of coach and ferry is coming out at approx £130 per person but the final figure will depend on how many travel. [Accommodation to be arranged independently].

If anyone is interested, please ask them to get in touch with:

Christine Fittock, phone 01326 378015, email pcfittock@talktalk.net

1. Other correspondence simply consisted of regular internal emails.
2. **CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

Sue welcomed the delegates and thanked them for their input to the AGM in November. She particularly thanked Lilian Polkinghorne for her unstinting work to the lottery which had proven to be such a success and had made plenty of profit for those associations who had taken up the challenge to sell tickets.

Sue sent TCC’s best wishes to Neil who had been poorly since the beginning of December and wished him a speedy recovery.

Finally, she hoped that all associations would have continued success with their twinning exchanges in the coming year.

1. **TREASURER’S REPORT**

Current Account at HSBC

Balance carried forward 14th January 2019 £2,945.80

INCOME since A.G.M.

Affiliation £360.00

Public Liability Insurance £0.00

Lottery £568.00

A.G.M. £576.00

TOTAL Income £1504.00

EXPENITURE since A.G.M.

Public Liability Insurance £460.00

A.G.M. £709.50

Lottery Licence £20.00

Lottery 1st Prize £300.00

TOTAL Expenditure £1489.50

Increase in balance since A.G.M. = £1504.00 - £1489.50 = £14.50

The renewal for the Public Liability this year was £445.00 plus a handling fee of £15 making a total of £460. This has been paid thus covering all paid up T.C.C. Members for Public Liability Insurance.

I would like to thank Lilian Polkinhorne for all the hard work that she has put in to make the biennial lottery a resounding success both for the societies and the T.C.C.

It was conformed that the £20 affiliation fee was due at the AGM. Any outstanding monies should be forwarded to Keith asap. The public liability insurance would not be required for this year.

1. **EFFECTS OF CO-OPERATION FINISTERE ON TWINNING**

Laura Paillat introduced herself and asked members present to give details if they were twinned with a town in Finistère, although she would be willing to help if time was available. Help available might be with finding a partner or even in translating letters/emails etc. She handed out her business card for ease of contact.

There had recently been a meeting of four towns in Finistère. There had been reported a difficulty in recruiting new members, especially younger people. 80% of the responses stated that. The second problem was a lack of financial support. Also a lack of human resources to help organise events. A difficulty in locating organisations in twin towns. There was an interest in finding out how various twinning organisations operate. Tourism, Youth, Education etc. Workshops on funding available. Volunteering.

**Funding**

Brexit was a problem! If two towns are still in the EU there might be a possibility

***Europe for Citizens*** programme might be interesting to explore – there is a special fund dedicated to twin towns. Subsidy of 25,000 euros to help a major event. Need to apply via a form outlining the participation etc. Laura could be available to support such an application. Laura can help with monitoring when and how to bid.

Karen Bennett (Penzance) explained the library book exchange system that has been started between Penzance and Concarneau. A wide range of books had been on offer; a questionnaire had been filled out by participants and most had been positive. The system is ongoing and, although it needs to be refined, will be continued. An author from Penzance had gone over to the Concarneau Book Festival and it was hoped to build upon this.

1. **BOULES COMPETETION 2019**

9th June had been booked under TCC; we will liaise with Truro on state of piste. There would be a return to picnics brought by individual associations. On-street parking would be available as would parking by the coffee shop near the tennis courts.

A problem might exist if there is a cricket match on the same day, but at present there is no planned sporting event on the day.

**ACTION: Beatrice**

1. **AGM 2019**

The Penventon has been chosen and availability would be checked. Alison Mandeville (Truro/Morlaix) offered to talk on the European beaver which had been introduced 18 months ago. They are a keystone species and research is going on to see if it would be beneficial to re-introduce them throughout Cornwall.

**ACTION: Beatrice**

1. **AOB**

None

**DoNM**: **28thApril General Meeting Lostwithiel**

1stSeptember General Meeting Lostwithiel

17th November AGM Penventon Hotel (tbc)