

**MINUTES OF A COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 73A ESSEX STREET, NEWBURY ON 28
FEBRUARY 2001.**

Present: Mr W. Turner (Chairman), Mesdames E. Anfield, J. Jessett, Z. Roberts & M. Wallace-Sims; Messrs F. Graham, D. Jessett, R. Pickett & G. Poulson.

1. **Apologies:** for absence were received from Cllr S Farrant (President) Mrs M. Craig and Mr J. Johnston.
2. **The Minutes of the meeting held on 28th November 2000:** were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
3. **Identification of matters not covered by items on the Agenda:** Mr G Poulson asked for publicity to be added to the agenda.
4. **Chairman's Report and Correspondence:** The Chairman reported that he had written 2 letters. The first one to Günter Jakob in which he had detailed the committee changes and queried the details for the Röhrmoos-Untertal visit. The Mayor of Röhrmoos had requested names of those who had been active in twinning to attend. It was decided that the Turners and Mr F. Graham would attend the gathering from 1-3 Jul 2001. Mrs E. Anfield agreed to send the reply.

The second letter had been an informal one to Giancarlo Scopel.

He had also spoken to Joyce Lewis and was hoping to arrange meetings with the Chief Executive of the Town Council and the Mayor.

5. Committee Appointments:

- a. The committee agreed the following appointments (proposed by Mr David Jessett and seconded by Mr Ron Pickett):

Membership Secretary:	Mrs Jill Jessett
Feltre Correspondent:	Mrs Mary Wallace-Sims
Youth for Europe Correspondent:	Miss Zoë Roberts
Carcaixent Correspondent:	Miss Heather Fittell

There were two unfilled vacancies - for the posts of Hon Secretary and Eeklo Secretary. Mr David Jessett agreed to caretake the former for meetings and Mr Jim Turner the latter until permanent officers could be found. Mrs Jill Jessett agreed to contact Mrs Szilvia Lidstone to see if she would be interested in becoming the Kiskunfélegyháza correspondent. Mrs Elizabeth Anfield volunteered her services if she wasn't forthcoming.

- b. Mr Garry Poulson proposed and Mrs Jill Jessett seconded that the meetings should be held on the first Thursday of each month at 8.00 p.m. This change was agreed by the committee. The new location would be determined by Mrs Jill Jessett.
6. **Finance:** In the absence of the Treasurer the Chairman presented his report. On the income side he had received 16 family and 9 single subscriptions at the A.G.M also he had received the cheque from the council for 2000. There would be a need to support the Youth for Europe with deposits until their money was received.

Action would be needed to change the signatories on the Youth for Europe and Bagnols accounts.

7. **Membership:** 26 members (including 3 new ones) had already paid for the year and further new members were expected shortly.

8. **Reports by Town Secretaries:**

a. **Braunfels:** Mrs Elizabeth Anfield reported that:

- i. she had contacted a TEFAL qualified friend to teach visitors in July and she was going to contact Günter Jakob with the details.
- ii. Ferdinand Betzenberger was to contact the chamber of commerce in Wetzlar concerning Xmas market stalls to see if they would be willing to send over any participants.
- iii. There was still no news of a correspondent for Newbury.

b. **Bagnols-sur-Cèze:**

- i. **Schools Exchange:** Accommodation is needed for the teacher coming in April - she speaks English.
- ii. **Fresco:** Mrs M C Ramadier has sent a report on the fresco and a video of the reunion activities.
- iii. **Temporary Employment.** We had a request for temporary employment for a Bagnols student and prospective companies were given the details. Sadly there were no takers but, Mr Garry Poulson agreed to try some of his contacts.
- iv. **Richard Benyon.** Had contacted Mr Jim Johnston about a possible visit to Bagnols to look at the French political system. It was agreed that there would be no further action until the dates were known.

c. **Eeklo.** The tennis club in Eeklo has contacted Newbury tennis club. No action on NTTA at present.

d. **Feltre.** N.T.R.

e. **Carcaxient.** N.T.R.

f. **Kiskunfélegyháza:** N.T.R.

9. **Youth for Europe 2001: 29th July - 5th Aug 2001**

- a. Miss Zoë Roberts reported that she needed to apply for subvention by 1 April 2001.
- b. Mr David Jessett said that he had not heard back from Hermitage about the beds and would try another possible source.

10. **Reunion in Newbury in 2002:** The 2002 reunion was discussed and it was decided that a working party should be set up. The draft programme was agreed and it was suggested that the Town Hall should be closely involved with any planning. The Chairman was to raise the matter on his planned visits and seek suggestions from Mr Tim Smith. A request for accommodation for the visitors would be placed in the newsletter.

11. Publicity: Mr Garry Poulson said that we had missed a publicity opportunity with the N.W.N. over the A.G.M. photograph and that in future it would be best if these matters were channelled through him. He would also contact other papers and media. He also offered to advertise for foreign language speakers through the Volunteer Bureau for help with the committee vacancies.

12. Social Events: A list of social events would be included in the next newsletter. Mr David Jessett reported that Mrs Jean James could organise meals at the college on Thursday evenings in the autumn. It was agreed to try for the 8th of November. It was also agreed to support a visit to the Val d'Oro restaurant in May. Mrs Jill Jessett suggested a treasure hunt and Mr David Jessett offered to organise another wine tasting evening if the Town Hall were available.

13. Date of next meeting: Thursday 5th April 2001 at 8.00 p.m. in the Newbury Volunteer Bureau Conference Room, Bolton Place, Newbury

The meeting closed at 2204.

① JS apologies for absence - in Cyfrows.

② TREASURER

a) Finances.

Brought forward: Dec 00: £ 5549-56

Income:

Sub

£ 205-00 (16 @ £10; 9 @ £5)
+ £ 1300 cheque (sect of if next page)

Payments:

St Bart's school £ 250-00 (loan to youth for Europe)

Brit-lys Cssi 20-00 (annual sub)

J Jessell 39-55 (wine for Army)

309-55

309-55
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104-55

Balance: 5549-56

- 104-55

£ 5445-01

+ 1300
6745-01

b) Notes.

(i) Cheque for David J attached - for T to sign,
and pass to David.

(ii) The £250 to St Bart's is a deposit (assumed to be a loan to Y for E from main account). Joë is estimating finances (costs, income, support from outside organisations etc) - it might be worth having a discussion some time about the extent to which NITA (main acct) should support Y for E. This could be a preliminary "in principle" discussion with a decision to follow when Joë's ideas are final.

(iii) Sue Farant phoned. She has been told that the £100 cheque for year 2020 had been sent (not sure to whom) and that it had been told that it was coming and to acknowledge receipt - I didn't receive the message and nobody received the cheque.

Sue says that a replacement is being prepared and will be sent (to David, ~~the~~ a friend - she didn't know). We should acknowledge receipt.

1) Mandates. also acknowledged.

I've got some new mandate forms for the bank but I'm not set out to make any changes until the new secretary has been identified. (David seemed willing to take notes of meetings for the immediate future but I don't remember him volunteering to be secretary). There is also the question of the additional signatory ^(teacher) for the bank-fee exchange. The situation is summarised on the attached sheet - we can get along for a while but I think we should get this sorted by the March meeting.

2) BANKING.

I've passed my account over to the bank and they've agreed to my application for a new signatory. I've got a new signatory form from the bank and I've got a new signatory form from the bank and I've got a new signatory form from the bank.

