

**MINUTES OF A COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE MAIN BOARDROOM, BAYER PLC ON
2nd AUGUST 2001 AT 8.05PM.**

Present: Mr W.J. Turner (Chairman), Mesdames E. Anfield, J. James, M. Wallace-Sims; Messrs F Graham, D Jessett, J Johnston and G Poulson.

1. **Apologies:** for absence were received from Mesdames J. Jessett & Z. Roberts and Cllr. C. Hillman.
2. **The Minutes of the meeting held on 5th July 2001:** were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
3. **Identification of matters not covered by items on the Agenda:** None raised.
4. **Chairman's Report and Correspondence:** The Chairman reported that he had:
 - a. Written to Mrs Muriel Pickett and replicated the relevant part of the minutes of the last meeting.
 - b. Communicated with the Mayor of Kiskunfélegyháza about his invitation and for which Mrs Elizabeth Anfield agreed to attend in his place.
 - c. ^{Coronne-Guibbert} Written to Mme. M. Ramadier following the receipt of a faxed invitation from Mme. M Coronne-Gilbert for a visit to Bagnols in November. He decided to reply to Mme. Coronne-Gilbert querying the anniversary dates quoted and asking whether they still wanted 15 persons to attend. The committee also decided that Town Councillors should be asked if they wished to attend.
 - d. He had attended the reception for the Youth for Europe at the Town Hall at which there had been a good turnout of members. There had been good coverage in the local papers following the press release by Kate Whiting and it was decided to provide each delegation with a souvenir copy of the Newbury Weekly News.
5. **Committee Appointments:** No change. The posts of Hon. Secretary, Bagnols Secretary and Eeklo Secretary are still unfilled.
6. **Finance:**
 - a. There was little change in the state of the finances since last month (copy of report filed with minutes).
 - b. The committee was concerned that there may not be sufficient Association funds available for both the reunion and the twinning ceremony in 2002. It was felt that a formal approach by the working party should be made to the Town Council for more support for the event after the Treasurer and Chairman had had an opportunity to get firm quotations for the events. As council budgets were drafter in September there was now some urgency to act. There may be a need to bring forward the date of the next scheduled Working Party meeting.
7. **Membership:** Mr David Jessett reported on behalf of the Membership Secretary that there had been 2 more renewals and one new membership in the past month. The membership now consisted of 32 Family and 24 Single subscriptions plus 2 ex-officio members.

8. **Reports by Town Secretaries:**

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

- i. She had attended the last weekend in Braunfels where they had a medieval display, stunts and card games. There was also an evening show. She had also discussed the reunion next year with G. Jakob who had felt that the proposed numbers attending might restrict them.
- ii. The choir from Lahnau Waldgirniss were to stay at the Newbury Hilton North Hotel and were looking for an engagement on the Friday night (5th). She was waiting for a reply from the vicar, David Cook, to see if Newbury Parish Church were available for this event. The Chairman asked her to see whether a joint concert with the Cromwell Singers would be a possibility.

b. **Bagnols-sur-Cèze:** Mr Jim Johnston reported that:

- i. The schools party had returned from Bagnols on 30.07.01. It had been a successful exchange and all the children had enjoyed themselves. Mrs Agnes Carlisle was to arrange a meeting with possible successors which he would also attend.
- ii. Mrs Amanda Loring at the Tourist Office and Mrs Megan Wilby at the Corn Exchange have agreed to accept Mlle. Séverine Pagès from Bagnols for the period 27 Aug - 5 Sep 01. He had contacted Mme G. Bernadet to see if she were still available. Mrs A Carlisle has several names of likely candidates for a return visit.
- iii. Mr Paul Erlan of Meridian TV is thinking of producing a programme concerning the twin towns. It was agreed that Mr G Poulson should be the point of contact.

c. **Eeklo.** N.T.R.

d. **Feltre.** Mrs Mary Wallace-Sims reported that Newbury now have connections between the respective Rotary and Lions International clubs in the two towns. The Round Table in Newbury are also interested in meeting their opposite numbers.

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

f. **Kiskunfélegyháza:** Mrs. Elizabeth Anfield had booked her Flights for the visit to Kiskunfélegyháza.

9. **Youth for Europe 2001:** 29th July - 5th Aug 2001. Miss Zoë Roberts was not present at the meeting as the Youth for Europe week was taking place. Mr Jim Johnston reported that all the visitors including 2 from Byelorussia had turned up. Everything seemed to be going smoothly and he would like to thank the Mayor for his hospitality and compliment Zoë Roberts and her committee for the excellent organisation.

10. **Reunion in Newbury in 2002:**

a. The Working Party Minutes were distributed and accepted.

b. **Matters Arising:**

- i. The W.P were still awaiting a reply on the availability of Rushall Farm for

the Saturday night. Mr David Jessett suggested the Liberty Ballroom if that fell through.

- ii. Mr David Jessett suggested that Mr Paul Sefcick (01635 34778), the Secretary of the Newbury Photographic Club, be approached for help with the exhibition.
- iii. If a banner in Northbrook Street were required then the request would need to go in as early as possible.
- iv. Mr Garry Poulson asked if it would be possible to have a budget for the reunion.

11. **Social Events:** Mrs Jean James reported that the Winchester Concert had been very enjoyable. The next event would be the Spanish evening on the 8th of November.

12. **Date of next meeting:** Thursday 1st November 2001 at 8.00 p.m.

The meeting closed at 10.05 pm.


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