

NEWBURY TWIN TOWN ASSOCIATION

Minutes of a Committee Meeting held at the Main Boardroom, Bayer Plc, Newbury on 7 June 2001

Present: Mr W J Turner (Chairman), Mesdames E M Anfield, J Jessett, and M Wallace-Sims, Messrs F H Graham, J Johnston, and G Poulson. Also in attendance, by invitation, Cllr Mrs B Peel (Deputy Town Mayor vice the President) and Mr S Lee.

Apologies for absence were received from Mesdames Fittell, James, and Roberts, and Messrs Jessett and Pickett. The Committee noted with regret that Mr Pickett was poorly in hospital.

The Chairman welcomed Mrs Peel and Mr Lee. Unfortunately it had not been possible to meet Mr Lee as planned, so the appointment of Mr Lee as Hon Secretary (Eeklo), could not yet proceed. **RESOLVED** that Mrs Peel and Mr Lee be allowed to observe throughout the meeting.

1. **The Minutes of the meeting held on 3 May 2001** were signed as a true record.
2. **Chairman's Report and Correspondence:** The Chairman reported that
 - (a) He and Mrs Turner had attended
 - (i) Cllr Farrant's farewell party on 11 May 2001;
 - (ii) the Mayor-making ceremony and Civic Service on 20 May 2001 accompanied by 4 visitors from Eeklo;
 - (iii) the 40th Anniversary celebration of the Braunfels (Bonbaden) twinning with Rohrmoos-Untertal in Austria on 1-3 June 2001, accompanied by Mr Graham;
 - (b) Whilst in Austria he had met Giancarlo Scopel and Gianvittorio Vaccari (Mayor of Feltre), who had confirmed that as far as Feltre was concerned the proposed twinning would proceed and the details were to be discussed during the weekend of 7-9 September 2001 in Feltre when they would celebrate the reciprocal twinning with Eeklo, the 30th Anniversary of its Bagnols-sur-Cèze twinning, and the presentation of the European Flag of Honour; that information had been passed on to the Town Council.

The Chairman thanked the Committee for authorising him to go to Rohrmoos, and hoped that he would, with Mr Graham's assistance, be able to provide an article for The Twin Towner.

3. **Committee Appointments:** No volunteers had come forward for the post of Hon Secretary.
4. **Finance:** (a) The Hon Treasurer reported, copy filed with these Minutes, on the Bank balances at the end of May 2001. Expenditure was for the coach for the day trip for the Bagnols-sur-Cèze Schools Exchange pupils.
 - (b) The Hon Treasurer would investigate the Insurance cover relating to the 2002 Reunion in general and should the Association obtain permission for a Banner across Northbook Street.
5. **Membership:** Mrs Jessett reported several failures to renew membership of the Association.
6. **Town Secretaries' Reports:**
 - (a) Braunfels - Mrs Anfield reported the German Government's plan for withdrawing DMarks for Euros, its offer of Scholarships for Lawyers, and the British-German Association AGM and Thames Boat trip. Mrs Jessett reported that only one student would be coming to Newbury in July 2001.
 - (b) Bagnols-sur-Cèze - Mr Johnston reported that the Schools Exchange party going to France in July would now be travelling by air. That would result in a more convenient journey, incurring higher costs, which might cause difficulty for some parents. It was noted that the Association is not set up to subsidise individuals, and the Committee regretted that it could not provide any further funds. **RESOLVED** that the Treasurer make available up to £450 from the Bagnols Account to smooth out the payment of the necessary deposit.
7. **Town Correspondents' Reports:** Feltre - Mrs Wallace-Sims reported that she had forwarded the names of 3 correspondents to Snra Perenzin for pen-pal purposes. There would not be an opportunity for a Schools visit here in 2001.

8. **Youth for Europe:** In the absence of Miss Roberts, the Chairman reported that Vodaphone had made a donation of £2000, and Debenhams had given a Teddy Bear.

9. **International Reunion in Newbury 2002:** The Chairman reported that the first meeting of the 2002 Working Party would take place in the Mayor's Parlour at Newbury Town Hall at 1900 on Thursday 28 June 2001, and not as previously indicated. Mrs James would deal with Accommodation for foreign guests, not Mrs Jessett. Cllr Mrs Peel confirmed that she would be the Councillor representative and Mrs Joyce Lewis, Civic Manager, would be the Officer representative on the Working Party.

10. **Publicity:** Mr Poulson would start to investigate means of publicity for the 2002 Reunion.

11. **Social Events:** In the absence of Mrs James, the Chairman reported that she had paid for and received the tickets for Winchester Cathedral concert. She had asked those attending to make cheques payable to the Association. She would seek reimbursement from the Hon Treasurer.

12. **Date of next meeting:** Thursday 5 July 2001

The meeting closed at 2120.

NTTA ACCOUNTS (end May 2001)

Brought forward:

Treasurer Acct	200-44	}	6861-33
Business No Notice Acct	6660-89		

Receipts:

Interest 0.04 + 0.04

Payments:

Barnes (Coach for baggage exchange)	275-00	-275-00
		<u>£ 6586-37</u>

Carried forward:

Treasurer Acct :	325-48	}	<u>6586-37</u>
Business No Notice Acct :	6260-89		

J Johnston

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