

NEWBURY TWIN TOWN ASSOCIATION

2002 Working Party

Minutes of a Meeting held at the Town Hall, Newbury on 27 September 2001

Present: Mr W J Turner (Chairman), Mesdames E M Anfield, J Lewis, Cllr B Peel, and J E Turner and Mr J Johnston.

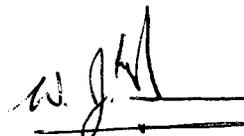
Apologies for absence were received from Mesdames James, and Wallace-Sims, , and Cllr Hillman.

1. **Minutes of the meeting held on 23 August 2001:** The Chairman signed these as a true record.
2. **Committee decisions/comments on the Working Party Minutes dated 26 July 2001:** -
 - (a) Rushalls Farm - if not available, the Liberty Ballroom be considered;
 - (b) Exhibition - approach Mr Paul Sefcick (☎ 34778), Secretary of the Photographic Club;
 - (c) Banner across Northbrook Street - apply immediately.

RESOLVED that with regard to

- (a) the Chairman, Mrs Anfield, Mrs Peel, and Mr Johnston inspect the facilities at 1500 on 16 October 2001.
 - (b) noted for future reference.
 - (c) due to the presence of the Spring Festival Banner, a Banner be produced and draped on the balcony of the Town Hall.
3. **Meeting with Councillor Rodger and the Chief Executive on 4 September 2001:** The Chairman reported that he had contacted the Chief Executive about the request to make provision in the Town Council's Estimates for additional expenditure. As a result, he, Mr Johnston, and Mrs Anfield had attended at the Town Hall, when Mr Johnston had produced revised Preliminary Estimates based on a revised programme suggested by Mrs Lewis. The figures had been received with astonishment. A frank discussion had taken place, during which Councillor Rodger suggested that the Town Council would expect the Association to seek sponsorship from local firms. The Chairman had emphasised that the Associations's Estimates for the 2002 Reunion had not included anything for a twinning with Feltre. The Working Party examined the revised Preliminary Estimates and noted that the largest item of expenditure, related to the provision and security of a marquee and its ancillary facilities. Mrs Anfield doubted whether Vodaphone would support the event. RESOLVED that a marquee be deleted from the Preliminary Estimates.
 4. **Visit to Feltre 6 -10 September 2001:** In the absence of the Town Mayor and Mrs Wallace-Sims, the Chairman and Mrs Turner reported briefly on a most successful event and the lessons they had learned from it. The Chairman drew attention to the comparative numbers involved. He and Cllr Hillman had discussed with Giancarlo Scopel and the Mayor of Feltre how many visitors might come from Feltre in 2002. It emerged that it was unlikely that the Town Flag Wavers would be able to attend, and a party of say 25 + 5 musicians was likely. Since that discussion, Sgnra Perenzin had told Mrs Wallace-Sims that she would approach a smaller band of Flag Wavers from her Quartier of the Town.
 5. **Review of proposals for the weekend of 23/27 May 2002:** In the light of the above, coupled with a feeling that that weekend would not be good for foreign visitors, and the intention of Bagnols-sur-Cèze to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of its twinning with Newbury in November 2001, an event ignored by the Association in 2000, it was RESOLVED that
 - (a) enquiries be made of the other towns as to the possibility of bringing forward the Reunion so as to commence on Ascension Day, Thursday 9 May 2002;
 - (b) Mr Johnston speak to the Local Government International Bureau about an EC subvention, and the Tourist Information Office as to suitable destinations for a coach tour on the Friday.
 - (c) The Chairman speak to the Bowls Club.
 6. **Date of next meeting:** Friday 26 October 2001.

The meeting closed at 2050



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