



WINDERMERE – DIESSEN TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 21st March 2019 – Marchesi Centre at 7.00pm

PRESENT: Jenny Borer – Chair (JB); Christine Backhouse (SB); Tony & Liz Blaney (TB); Martin Dawes (MD); S Davey (SD); Adrian Faulkner - Secretary (AF); Mary Gabbat (MG); Joan Jones – Treasurer (JJ); Hazel Macfarlane (HMac); S Ricketts (SR); Cllr. John Saunders – Mayor of Windermere (JS); Brenda Watson (BW); Clive Watson (CW)

1. **Apologies for absence** – Simone Backhouse; Peter Bayliss; Lee & Bill Haywood; Adrian Legge; Leith & Christine Hallatsch; Rosemary Park; Annette Pearson.
2. **Minutes** of committee meeting held on 22nd March 2018 - read and accepted.
3. **Matters** arising not covered by agenda
Nothing to report.

4. **Chairman's Report**

The 20th Anniversary of Twinning with Diessen-am Amersee took place in May 2018. To mark this auspicious occasion the footpath along the lakeshore on Glebe Road, Bowness is to be named "Diessen Promenade." A plaque was unveiled by the Mayor of Windermere and the Burgermeister of Diessen to make the occasion.

The children's choir of St. Mary and St. Martin's Primary School were present at the Bavarian Advent event at the Marchesi Centre.

Jenny then went on to report that the Lakes School would not be visiting Diessen this year, however there would be some forty students and teachers from the Carl Orff School staying at the Ambleside YHA during May.

Members from Diessen would be arriving June/July and various trips and events would be arranged for them.

The Blasergruppe would be playing at the Glebe Bandstand. Allan Bank, Grasmere, and the Bassenthwaite Distillery. .

5. **Treasurer's Report**

JJ reported the financial position as at 31st December 2018 (Year end)

Bank	£1,871.22
Cash	£116.51

JJ reported that grants had been received from the Windermere Town Council and the Windermere & Bowness Chamber of Trade to help defray the costs of the 20th Anniversary celebration.

There were 20 members and 3 corporate members at the 31st December 2018.

6. **Membership Subscriptions**

Proposed by AF and seconded by HMac that "the corporate membership subscription should be £15.00 per annum."

Agreed by those assembled

7. **Election of Officers**

The following officers were elected by the meeting:

Chairman	Mrs Jenny Borer
Vice Chair	Vacant
Secretary	Mr. Adrian Faulkner
Treasurer	Mrs. Joan Jones

8. **Election of Committee Members**

The following were elected to the committee and it was agreed to call on people 'as and when' needed.

Tony Blaney, Peter Bayliss (Music and Band Groups). Rosemary Park (Interpreter), Hazel MacFarlane-Wenzel, Liz Blaney and Annette Pearson.

9. **Future Events/Visits**

Tony Blaney reported that as long as both he and Liz were at the Fairfield Guest House, the garden party could go ahead.

The Spring 2019 Newsletter outlined the forthcoming events with the Carl Orff School visiting this year. HMac offered to 'meet & greet' them. There are various activities being planned.

Other events being planned are a Jacobs Join as a social evening end of June/beginning of July, an Advent Sunday Coffee Morning and a Christmas Lunch.

10. **Correspondence/A.O.B.**

There was no correspondence to report, however it was mentioned the Passion Play in Oberammergau was being held in 2020. Shelia Ricketts said she would make enquiries if anybody may be interested.

11. Date of next committee meeting: T.B.C.