



# WINDERMERE –DIESSEN TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on

Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at 7:30pm at

Wynbeck, Rayrigg Road, Windermere.

**Present:** J Borer - Chair (JB); A. Faulkner - Secretary (AF); Cllr. L Hallatsch (LH);  
Cllr. C Hallatsch (CH); T Blaney (TB); J Jones (JJ); A. Pearson (AP)

**Apologies:** Hazel Macfarlane; Liz Blaney; Peter Bayliss; Simone Backhouse

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on the 13th October 2016 were confirmed as being a correct record.

## **Matters arising not covered by the agenda:**

- a. William Crisp applied for a grant of £100 to further his studies in Germany which had been agreed to. William had given a verbal report at the AGM which was well received.

## **1. Visits from Diessen**

- a. Carl Orff School visit – 4<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> May 2017. Over 40 students and teachers had a very successful trip with a programme of events organised for them.
- b. A group of 13 Diessen members will be staying at the Hawksmoor from 6<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> August 2017. Airport Services will collect them on arrival and transport the group to their accommodation. The Twinning Association will make various payments up front and then claim back costs.

## **Programme of Events**

- i. **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August** – group of 13 from Diessen arrive at Manchester Airport and are transported to the Hawksmoor. Possible "Welcoming Dinner" on Sunday evening at the Beresford? **JB** to enquire
- ii. **Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> August** – Bus from Windermere to Rydal Mount with a visit and Cream Tea break. Then walk to 'coffin route' to Dove Cottage, light lunch and walk to Allan Bank, break for coffee and walk to Grasmere and the church graveyard to visit Wordsworth grave. Visit the Gingerbread Shop and the bus back to Windermere. **JB** to check on the work being done at the church

A query was raised as to the value of going to Allan Bank just for a coffee as the group were not members of the National Trust and would have to pay an entrance fee. Peter will be accompanying them on the walk, and will discuss any other possible options.

- iii. **Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> August** – Mountain Goat to pick up for a visit to the Armit Museum in Ambleside, then onto Hawkshead, visiting the Grammar School and village. Then on to Hill Top Farm and Garden. Finally back to Windermere. Evening concert at the Carver Church for 11 members.  
**Note** - Cost of the bus has increased and the information has been passed onto Dieter. **JB** to confirm with Mountain Goat that they will book the ticket allocation for Hill Top.
- iv. **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August** – Picked up by Mountain Goat for a visit to Elterwater and the Merz Barn. From there to Sticklebarn for lunch and then on to Coniston and a boat ride on the Gondola to Brantwood and Gardens. **JB** to check on the Gondola running to Brantwood, or if other boats are available.
- v. **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August** – travel by minibus to Holehird Gardens then onto Derwent Water and Keswick with lunch in Keswick. Visit Castlerigg Stone Circle and then back via the Kirkstone Pass with a visit to Townend in Troutbeck. Tea at the Langdale Chase when the Mayor of Windermere TC will formally 'greet' the group.  
**JB** Need to check regarding entry availability to Townend.
- vi. **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August** – day free with a small group walking to Staveley and returning by train. In the evening the group to attend a concert in Ambleside going by bus and return by private car or John's Taxis- **LH** to enquire. If not possible by taxi, then Joan, Leith, Jenny and Tony have offered the use of private vehicles.
- vii. **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August** – Day free with the option of going to Lakeside by steamer to visit the Aquarium by the Lake and have lunch there.
- viii. **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August** –Due to early departure from Windermere at 06.00 hours, the group will be provided with portable breakfast packs from Hawksmoor.
- ix. **Note - JB and LH** had received an invitation from the German Consul General regarding the appointment of his position to this office in Edinburgh, JB emailed back offering their apologies and received reply to say that the Consul is coming to the Merz Barn on the 14th July and offered an invitation to some Twinning members to meet him. The organisers will also be inviting JB and LH along to the official celebration of 70th anniversary of the Kurt Schwitters paintings on July 15th.
- x. The German Consul General would also like to come to the Lake District at the same time as the Diessen group are here if it can be suitably arranged. **JB-** to correspond as needed.

2. **Visit to Diessen:** A report was given and photographs circulated regarding the successful Mayoral visit to Diessen during April and May. It was suggested that the photographs be uploaded onto a computer and used as a 'presentation' show, to the Town Council and on other events as appropriate. – possibly the next Twinning AGM
3. **Events:**
  - a. Advent Sunday event held on the 4<sup>th</sup> December 2016 in the Marchesi Centre went well and was supported by the choir of St. Martin and St. Mary Church of England School.
  - b. 12 members went to a Winter Warming Lunch at the Flying Pig on November 25<sup>th</sup> 2016.
  - c. Garden Party – there is a difficulty in holding one this year at the Fairfield. A possible substitute would be a coffee morning, or an afternoon tea, to be considered for this year.
4. **Finance: JJ** reported as Treasurer
  - i. Balances: Cash £47.48 and bank £2,528.98.
  - ii. Insurance of £150 this year has been paid.
  - iii. Also approximately £190 was spent on a community bus during the Mayoral visit to Diessen.
  - iv. Payment for the Mountain Goat minibuses needed by the visiting group has to be made in advance, to be reimbursed.
  - v. South Lakes Twin Towns. JB has been attending on our behalf. Reported that other individual group membership numbers were down, and in general fund raising events were not well attended.
5. **Correspondence: AF** is attending the North West Twinning Federation Annual General Meeting of our behalf on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2017. He was asked to enquire how the other Twinning Association's motive people to join.  
**Proposal** made that **AF's** expenses be covered by this association. This would amount to £21.95 - train fare (£11.95) and registration fee/lunch (£10.00).
6. **A.O.B. Forward news:**
  - a. In 2018 a visit is planned by up to 8/10 Blasergruppe at Pentecost – May 20<sup>th</sup> - with the possibility of the Diessen Burgermeister attending, although his visit may be at a different time to be advised.
  - b. Possibility of Take4 or, Kendal Big Band going to Diessen later in the year being explored by Peter
- 7 **Date of next meeting:** - T.B.A.
- 8 Meeting closed at 9:40pm.