



WINDERMERE – DIESSEN TWINNING ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

Committee Meeting held on Thursday 13 October 2016 – at Burnside Hotel 7.30pm

Present: J Borer – Chair (JB); J Jones (JJ); L Hallatsch- Mayor (LH); H Macfarlane (HM)

1. Apologies for absence - A Faulkner, P Bayliss, T Blaney, L Blaney, A Pearson, S Backhouse.
2. Minutes of committee meeting held on 4 February - read and accepted.
Item 3 – Correction – It was St Martin's and St Mary's Junior School and not Goodley Dale School.
3. Matters arising will be covered in the following items
4. Visits from Diessen
 - a) Carl Orff School visit (13th – 17th March 2016).

42 children between 12 and 15 years of age had a very successful visit. The mayor took part in an intensive interviewing session by the German visitors and inspired them to get involved in their own community on their return. He also judged the paper fashion show held at the evening event in the Lakes school hosted by the Lakes pupils who were going out to Diessen later in the summer. Thank you to Sue Dawes and Peter Bayliss who accompanied the visitors on a 'hike' around Loughrigg.

Thank you also to KT Coaches who provided the necessary transport as they came by plane this year for the first time.

- b) Blassergruppe (14th – 16th May 2016).

6 in the group travelled by van from Diessen. On Saturday they visited and had a tour of Hawkshead Brewery at Staveley and on Sunday played at Allan Bank in Grasmere, followed by a concert at Our Lady of Windermere and St. Herbert's Church with the alpine horns and 'Take 4' saxophone quartet.

Thanks go to Amanda and Kevin, who hosted a lovely evening party at their house for the visitors and hosts. Thank you also to Peter and the National Trust for hosting the group and providing such a fantastic setting for the alpine horns behind Allan Bank on the hillside. (See Photo attached)

On Monday a concert was given at St. Cuthbert's Catholic School morning assembly with the children who performed with the Glockenspiels.

- c) A Coffee Morning was held in support of St. Cuthbert's Catholic School purchase of glockenspiels. The event was supported by the friends of St Cuthbert's.
 - d) Dieter visited Windermere at the end of July on a fact finding tour for a future literary trip planned in July/August 2017. During the trip there was a meal at the Brookside Pub and JB took him to the 1st LSM concert of "Dreams of Gerontius" by Elgar.

5. Visits to Diessen

- a) The Lakes school made their annual trip to Diessen and they had a very successful visit. JB has circulated by email on 18 July, the lovely report prepared by Mr Paul Revell from the Lakes School detailing the highlights of the trip.

- b) Mayor's Trip to Diessen
It has been agreed that the Mayor and a number of interested people will make a trip to Diessen over the Bank holiday weekend at the beginning of May 2017. Take 4 have also expressed an interest.

JB

6. Events

- a) Sadly the Summer Garden Party had to be cancelled as it seemed to fall at a difficult time of year for many of the members.
- b) JB is liaising with JJ to confirm a date and venue for a social evening in November. Details will be issued by email.
- c) Advent Sunday event – Sunday 4 December
JB to contact J Williamson to confirm that the Junior School choir are available to sing.

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7. JJ reported that the current balance showed £2211.38.

8. Correspondence: No additional items to report

9 Any other business:

- a) JB reported that a lovely gift had been left by Dieter on his last visit and she had presented it to the mayor at the recent Windermere in Bloom presentations in September. The photo is of the recently installed signage in Diessen of the twin towns of Windermere and Lomnice in the Czech Republic.
- b) The AGM will be held in March 2017. Venue to be confirmed.
- c) PB confirmed that there is the possibility of a trip to Diessen by the Kendal Big Band for the 20 year celebrations of the Windermere Twinning, in the summer of 2018.

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10 Date of next meeting: will be advised by email.

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