



**Minutes of Committee Meeting 14th February 2017
at The Old Plough, Braunston at 8pm**

Present: Sue Harrison, Chris Sanderson, Trines Ward, John Pomfret, Eric and Alison Baker

Apologies: Terry Tatham, Liz Fraser, Denise & Terry Waddleton, Chris and Hallam Congreve, Clare Sabin, Chris Whitby

Minutes of previous meeting.

The minutes of the meeting of 24th January 2017 were approved as a true record.

Matters Arising.

None.

Finance report

John confirmed that the position was healthy and would allow us to put on a good show for the French visitors in 2017. He would make an application for a grant from the Community Café.

Christine would produce a report on expenditure of the Northampton CC grant money.

QV 2017 visit

Visitors and hosting

Annie Marre had sent a list of visitors – comprising 23 adults and 10 children. It was assumed that the coach driver would also require accommodation. The list included three families new to twinning, all of which had children. John provided an updated address list of members, including details of previous hosting and a list of the 2017 visitors from Q-V. Christine agreed to contact hosts and sort out who would stay with whom.

Programme

Confirmed as:

- Saturday – arrival
- Sunday – group visit
- Monday – with hosts until late afternoon, then activities and evening meal in Braunston (meet 1630h)
- Tuesday – depart (assumed this will be early)

Reception

Agreed to use The Plough for the reception, as they were willing to offer coach parking (although might want it moved on bank holiday Monday – possibility asking PCSO to cone off village green bus stop was suggested, as there will be no school buses on the Monday). Midland Chandlers might be another possibility for coach parking on Monday. John to arrange with The Plough re drinks and snacks.

Visit

Various options were ruled out by it being Sunday. On balance, although the group had visited previously, it was agreed to try to arrange to visit the Black Country Museum and Dudley Canal Tunnel (the attractions have changed, particularly the tunnel). John would book once numbers were clearer, with a guide, and would look into providing a written guide in French.



Meal (and pre-meal activities)

Sue confirmed that she could host the activities and meal at Home Farm. This received a vote of thanks from other present. Car parking was available. Hosts would make their own arrangements for lunch/trips out for their visitors earlier in the day and it was proposed to meet at Home Farm at 1630h for boules and other games, with the meal in the marquee starting at 1830h. John would ask Liz about the possibility of teaching a morris dance as one of the pre-dinner activities – we could offer a meal to musicians involved. Sue would arrange for her DJ to be there from 1800h to 2230h. She would like some suggestions for type of music for during the meal and afterwards.

Mementos

Christine was looking into obtaining pens - some of the Northampton money could be spent on this, as publicity.

Village Hall

Sue would cancel the provisional booking of the Village Hall on 28 or 29 April for the reception and book the library for 12 April for the hosts' meeting.

Hall was booked for the quiz on 1 April.

Spring Quiz

Trines had this in hand and was sorting out publicity. Food duties would be finalised at the next meeting.

Any other business: None

Next planning meeting: 15th March 2017 at 2000h in The Old Plough

Hosts' meeting: 12th April 2017 at 2000h in the Library, Village Hall