

Beverley-Lemgo Twinning Association
Minutes of the Management Committee

Tuesday 21st April 2009 7.30 p.m. at Tesco Training Room

Present: Mrs. E. La Pensée (Chair), Mr. G. Pearson, Mr. M. Revell, Mr. J. Moore,
 Mr. Bert Cressey, Mrs. C. Chamberlain, Mrs. G. Vosseberg, Mrs B. Ayre,

Apologies: Mr. H.T. James, Mrs L. Dawson, Mrs Blackwell

- 1230** **Minutes:**
 The minutes of the last two meetings held on 4.2. 2009 and 3.3.09 were accepted and approved as proposed by J. Moore and seconded by M. Revell.
- 1231** **Matters Arising:**
 B. Cressey to check with East Riding Council whether the minutes are sent to all members of the Association. Committee members haven't received hard copies for several months. There was concern voiced by J. Moore whether it was constitutional to run the Association without a dedicated Secretary.
- 1232** **Applications for Membership:**
 To date 37 members have renewed their subscriptions including one group membership from Molescroft Primary School. One couple formally resigned their membership.
 No new applications for membership.
- 1233** **Reports of Officers:**
- a. Honorary Secretary:**
 E. La Pensée agreed for her name to be included on the letter heading as contact. There need to be discussions at the next AGM about the recruitment of an Honorary Secretary. Enquiries should also be made at the Stammtisch and the Supper Club.
- b. Honorary Treasurer:**
 M. Revell presented a financial statement as at 3.3.2009. There are now seven people going to Lemgo and eight will be returning in June 09. All deposits have been received. Balance is due in May.
 Expenses for the cost of the flight for E. La Pensée were for the meeting to complete the application for the Comenius Regio project.
 The booking of the charity stall for one Saturday in August was discussed. As this summer will have a full programme, it was decided to delay the date for the stall until the 5th September if available.

c. Travel Officer:

See under b. – Flights are booked for the June visit to Lemgo. B. Cressey enquires whether the fire brigade is sending a delegation. The chair suggested, that a representative of the fire brigade to be invited to a future committee meeting.

d. Supper Club Organiser:

So far 27 returns have been received for the next supper club.

e. Accommodation Officer:

Nothing to report.

f. Youth Officer:

G. Vosseberg has received a query from a 16 year old student. It was agreed with the parents to wait another year or two.

g. Website Officer:

G. Pearson reported that the website is up-to-date.

h. Euro Grants Officer:

As yet there is no decision on the Comenius Regio application, only a request to both partners to revise some of the costs. J. Moore read the application and commented on its good quality.

i. Press Officer:

Nothing new to go into press at the moment. C. La Pensée offered to write a short article for the occasion of the 30th anniversary.

1234 Visit to Lemgo – Sunday 21st to Monday 29th June 2009

Query re Visa application for one member of the group. The Embassy has asked for a letter of invitation from Lemgo Town Council, which has been supplied. They will also require a letter from the Twinning Association to confirm membership of the delegation to celebrate the anniversary.

The Mayor of Beverley and his consort will also attend the 30th anniversary of signing the twinning charter

1235 Visit from Stendal to Beverley during week 8th – 13th July (600th Anniversary – North Bar):

As ferry prices have gone up, a party of 15 guests from Stendal now intend to fly from Berlin to Liverpool. Steffen Tank suggested that a 2 night stay visiting other parts of England could start at arrival. The committee agreed that B. Cressey will get in touch with a bus company and work out a route and hotel accommodation for a party of 49. Various sites of interest in the area around Liverpool were mentioned. The membership will be contacted by letter as soon as a definite programme has been developed. The party will then travel to Beverley on the 10th July and spend the remaining time participating in the North Bar celebrations. Steffen Tank has also asked for some prices for accommodation.

A supper club on the first evening of their arrival was mentioned as well as Proms in the Park.

1236 **North Bar Celebrations:**

The deputy Mayor of Lemgo Mrs. Veronika Sauerlaender, the Chair of the Lemgo Twinning Association, Hans-Werner Antkewitz, and the Secretary Fred Gehle will be visiting Beverley. The party will arrive on Saturday morning 11th July from Rotterdam and will return on Monday 13th July in the evening. They will stay at a bed & breakfast in the town centre.

Exhibition stall at Tesco: Julia Blackwell has confirmed that Tesco is happy for the exhibition to be displayed in their store. Exhibits from the twin towns will need professional transport. B. Cressey will be able to provide estimates as soon as details are available.

A draft programme of the celebrations should be available very soon.

1237 **Any Other Business:**

The venue and date for the Annual General Meeting has been decided: Tuesday 14th of July 7.30 p.m. at Cottingham Golf Club. Tea/coffee and biscuits to be provided by the Association.

Next meeting Tuesday, 5th May 2009 at 7.30 p.m. at Tesco Training Suite.