

**‘BATH-KAPOSVAR TWINNING ASSOCIATION
Committee Meeting**

Minutes of committee meeting held at 1 Vale Lodge, Weston Park West, Bath
27th February 2007

I. Attendees: Kean Maslen (Chair), Jim Cook (Treasurer), Peter Metcalfe, Zsuzsa Jenkins (Secretary) and John Brackenbury

II. Apologies were received from Marika Rae, Rob Daru and Valerie Inwood

III. Minutes of the last meeting were agreed as true record

IV. Chair's report

Association's contribution towards Martin Tompkins' trip to Hungary

Having failed to turn up at a meeting with Kean, Kean still has the cheque for him

Note: idea of selection of postcards was not pursued

Action: Kean

Peter Metcalfe as Chairman of the Association

Peter Metcalfe was officially asked to join the Association as chairman. Privileged to accept and interested to make a valuable contribution he would like to ask to be elected chairman at the Association's AGM in May. That would give Peter some time to get up to date with current projects and plans of the Association. Peter's membership form was completed and he paid his £5.00 membership fee. It was agreed that next AGM would take place after 3rd May, 2007. Until then, Kean Maslen remains chairman of the Association.

Hungarian Wine Tasting Evening

Lajos Mayer a Hungarian wine supplier from Cheltenham agreed to do a wine tasting evening in Bath.

Proposed dates: end of April, preferably a Tuesday evening.

Proposed venues: Shrubbery Restaurant free of charge, courtesy of Bath City College or Kaposvar Room in Guildhall.

It was agreed that

- it may be worth paying for Kaposvar Room in Guildhall
- number of people invited between 20 and 30
- maximum price of tickets should be £12, depending on how much Lajos will charge the Association.
- this event should be considered more of an educational and profile raising event rather than a profit making or fundraising evening
- this wine tasting event will not be widely advertised, but it is up to members to invite guests.
- Kean will invite restauranters as this may lead to business for them.
- Before making further decisions, we need to know how Lajos envisages the evening and what he hopes to get out of the evening, would he also like to sell wine, etc.
- Peter Metcalfe to contact Allan Norburg from Great Western Wine

Action: ZSuzsa

V. Honorary Treasurer's Report

C/a 616.08

D/a 12,319.58

Plus: Jim Cook received a cheque for 500.00 (Charter Trustees Grant) that morning at Twinning Forum.

According to Phil Hall's report in 2005, apart from gaining interest from the bank the Association should each year receive the interest of the 15,000.00 Kaposvar Endowment Fund. However, this had not been set up and the Association is yet to receive the last two years' interest.

Action: Peter to check with Ann Tipper

VI. City of Bath Bach Choir- Vikar Bela Mixed Choir

John Brackenbury, invited to meeting to update Association on Vikar Bela Choir Joining CBBC at their summer concert 14th July, Wiltshire Music Centre, gave following report:

CBBC very grateful for help of Zsuzsa in overcoming communication problems. If we haven't got a sound communication link established we have a fundamental problem.

Issues we need to agree upon:

1. Timetable: Bela Vikar will need to be at our Final Rehearsals - Friday 13 July, 19.30, Bath Rehearsal Venue and Saturday 14 July, 14.00, WMC. We would enjoy taking them to places of interest on Sunday 15 July.

So arrival pm on Thursday 12 July and departure on Monday 16 July would be our planning preference.

2. Transport: For exchanges like this one we work on the basis of visitors fixing and paying for their own transport arrangements to get to Bath. Where UK coach travel is required we can assist with organising this. There used to

be an Easyjet flight from Budapest to Bristol, but gather this no longer exists. However understand that there is a Vienna/Budapest flight?

3. Accommodation: Hosting is invariably offered by our Members to visitors, and is taken up in the majority of cases. We in turn are offered hosting by the choir we are visiting.

4. Number of Singers: The hosting group (CBBC in Summer '07) clearly needs to know how many are likely to visit - and also such domestic details as food allergies, sex, age, etc so we can match visitors and hosts appropriately.

5. Contribution towards Costs: I note this is mentioned in the Agenda, but I'm not sure what criteria you use to offer this. If we adhere to the Transport and Accommodation arrangements outlined above, any costs borne by CBBC should be relatively modest. Until we know the numbers involved we can only guess.

6. Entertaining our visitors on the Sunday could be an area where the Twinning Association might wish to advise. There are various venues in Bath which would be attractive for them to visit - perhaps those owned by Bath City Council could provide free entry?

7. CBBC will discuss membership of the Association at their next meeting

Decisions regarding the above mentioned report:

- Association welcomes the revival of link, very excited about the possibility of exchange
- Association happy to contribute towards costs that may occur, ie travel costs from airport to Bath
- Association will try and make arrangements for free entry to number of sites in Bath via Bath City Council
- Zsuzsa to make sure communication is not broken bw. choirs

Action: Peter and Zsuzsa

VII. Secretary's Report:

Heart and Hand: waiting for a report on Beaumonds from Gerry Curran and will post all info to H&H to start link.

Action: ZSuzsa

Culverhay School: very successful training of teachers in January; Ivan Levai is keen to pursue link; deadline for project is 31st March 2007.

Kinga Mogyorosine/ Twinning Situation in Kaposvar: Zsuzsa thanked for contribution from Mayor's office towards presents for Kinga and baby. Her expenses were covered by a cheque for £ 24.00.

Kinga's position while on maternity leave will not be filled and the lack of an international officer and a well functioning twinning Association in Kaposvar raised concern for future communication. Idea of Peter writing to Mayor of Kaposvar about this was raised. Perhaps someone from "Champion's List" could take over or at least help out the gap that Kinga's departure caused.

Action: Zsuzsa

KaposART: email from KaposART to Zsuzsa asking for advice on details of their trip was concerning. They are expected to make their own way to Bath, send the works of arts in time. Peter Metcalfe offered accommodation. Jean Whitley Smyth will send application forms for Zsuzsa to forward it to KaposART.

Action: Zsuzsa

Rotary: Bob Parfitt's email was distributed.

Compass Youth Club: Marika Rae forwarded details to Miriam at Bath Spa University.

Proposed date for Mayor's reception is 26th March 2007.

Zsuzsa received an invitation from the Hungarian Ambassador in London for a reception at embassy to celebrate anniversary of revolution in Hungary in 1848. It was agreed that should Zsuzsa decide to go she would go with Jim Cook and their travel expenses would be paid for by Association.

VIII. Report on Twinning Forum presented by Jim Cook

Charter Trustees website will be updated, current issue of Connections is already available on it.

Race Equality Council's event may include twinning associations in the future

Proposal from Trial

Membership fees were raised to £10, £15 and £30. Association may not agree with this and will put it forward for a matter of election at AGM. We are concentrating on recruitment and feel that higher membership fees could potentially hinder this.

IX. AOB

Zsuzsa felt the need of clarification on what membership means and how it should be managed in the future; membership secretary? Should be raised at next meeting or AGM.

Zsuzsa felt that the task of coordinating dates of next meetings was hindered by the fact that often the Mayor's Parlour would be unavailable. She wondered whether the council as a good will gesture should provide the Kaposvar Room for future meetings free of charge.

Date of next meeting:

Monday, 26th March 2007 7.15 Mayor's Parlour, Guildhall, Bath,

