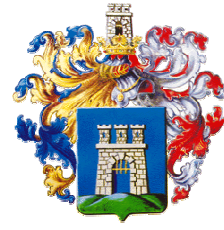




Bath Kaposvár Twinning Association

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Minutes of a meeting held on Wednesday, 10th May at The Real Italian, Bath.

Attendees: Peter Metcalfe(Chair), Zsuzsa Jenkins (Secretary), Kean Maslen, Jim Cook (Treasurer), Valerie Inwood (Minute Secretary), Robert Hardman, Katalin and Zsolt Siklodi, Miklos Tatar.

- 1. Apologies** were received from Cyd and Paul Fox, Rob Daru, Claudia and Vincent Badaroux.
- 2. Minutes of the last Meeting** were accepted.
- 3. Matters Arising.** Peter circulated a report which he had sent to the Twinning Forum meeting advising it of BKTA developments from January to April inclusive. Copy attached.
- 4. The Soundbeam Project** – update- Zsuzsa. Jason had been unable to travel to Kaposvár on 8th April because of the volcanic ash problem. He will now travel on the 23rd May to rehearse with the the Kaposvár orchestra for the 27 May concert. Jason had hoped to undertake the Soundbeam training work during the same period, but the Kaposvár Lions, (now responsible for the project), felt this could compromise the effectiveness of the training. Therefore he will return to Kaposvár from May 30th to 4th June to train the teachers in the use of the Soundbeam. Extra costs have been incurred for cancelled and new flights, a set of speakers, a microphone stand, an extra beam for the Soundbeam, transfer charges and changing exchange rates for the machine itself. Jason has offered another concert in Wells on May 22nd when it is hoped to raise enough to meet these extra costs.
- 5. Letter from the Mayor of Kaposvár.** Peter circulated a copy of the letter he had received, thanking the BKTA for their hospitality in February, the success of the Soundbeam Project and recognition of Zsuzsa’s hard work. The Mayor said he sees “the project as an outstanding example of twinning between our cities for the benefit of the people of Kaposvár”. Copy attached.
- 6. Kaposvár’s Painters’ Festival.** It was agreed that Peter and Valerie would be the delegates for this year’s Twinning conference. Kaposvár has invited 35 delegates from its 11 Twin Towns, which included the Mayor of Bath’s Civic Visit from 26th to 30th May. Our delegates will meet the Lions’ Club organisers and accompany the Mayor of Bath to Bárczi School where Jason will be using the Soundbeam with Special Needs children. Peter will be staying on for another 4 days (at his own expense) and Kinga was arranging a number of meetings to strengthen existing links and explore the possibility of new ones. Jim agreed £25 for a present for the Mayor of Kasposvár. Kean to secure the Somerset Apple Brandy and cheese for the gift..Peter hoped to get Bath promotional material for Kinga and Kean offered to take over when he goes to Kaposvár later in June with Matt Atkinson.
- 7. Link Developments.**

- a. A letter written by June Brassington of Bath library has been sent to Kinga forward to Kaposvár’s library. It suggests creating links which would benefit both communities.

- b Peter reported he had put Bath City Youth Football club in direct contact with Kinga to arrange an exchange. Kaposvár offered to host 25 players from Bath as long as BCYFC would reciprocate in Bath at a later date. Since then Peter has been unable to contact Ian Lanning. He continues to try, but clearly something has gone wrong. He will discuss with Kinga and in the meantime this item should come off the agenda.
- c. Peter went to Melanie Reed's Farewell Service on April 7th. He learnt that a link has already been established with the Methodist church in Kaposvár.
- d. School links. Nothing is known about the link between Táncsics and Culverhay in Gerry's absence. Robert promised to raise interest in an exchange of emails between pupils of St. Gregory's and a school in Kaposvár. He will contact Peter before the Twinning visit.
- e. Matt Atkinson and Kean will visit Kaposvár for 3 days from 16th June to reactivate and widen the link between City of Bath College and Szécsennyi School.

8. Events.

The Architectural Talk. Peter has asked Akos for a title, his charges, art work for a poster and list of people to contact for publicity. It was agreed that the entry cost would be £4 and £2 for students. The room has been booked at the BRSLI for 22nd June from 19.30 to 21.30. Wine and nibbles will be available before and after the talk to be paid for separately.

We have booked a stall for the Bath Charities Fair on Saturday 13th November from 10 a.m. until 2p.m. We will raise money for the charity of our choice.

Peter and Cyd talked with a puppeteer who may perform Hungarian Folk Tales in 2011. He will come back with a proposition. The aim is to involve families with Hungary and the BKTA.

9. Treasurer's Report. As of the 1st May

Current Account	£4,441.42
Deposit Account	£14,951.46
The Soundbeam Total raised to date is	£3,054.18
And the amount needed is	£3,227.16

10. AOB.

Jim reported from the Twinning Forum that the final date for material for the next "Connections" is 1st September.

It was agreed Miklos and his wife will be representing BKTA at the Mayor Making Ceremony on 5th June.

The future of The International Evening is in doubt.

11. The next meeting is the AGM which will be on the 1st July at The Pulteney Arms at 18.30.

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