

Windermere – Diessen Twinning Association

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 20th March 2014 at the Marchesi Centre Windermere – 7.00pm – 9.00pm

The Chairman, Jenny Borer, welcomed 10 members and friends.

1. Apologies for absence:

Lee Haywood, Bill Haywood, Jean Tolson, Rebecca Nelson, Martin Orrom, Elspeth Orrom, Sheila Ricketts, Dorothy Weardon, Helen Ogden.

2. Minutes of the AGM on 14th March 2013:

The Minutes were read and agreed as a true record

3. Matters arising from the minutes:

No matters arising not covered by Agenda items.

4. Chairman's Report:

The Chairman's report was circulated and the Chairman drew attention to the major activities group including the first ever group visit to the Diessen Pottery Festival in May and the excellent performance with a capacity audience, of Carl Orff's 'Carmina Burana' jointly with Staveley Choral Society at the Lakes School. Thanks were also given to those who hosted the Twinning Members from Diessen who had come specially to take part in the performance. Adrian Faulkner will send the report to the Gazette and put it on the Chamber of Trade website.

5. Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer, Joan Jones, went through the accounts verbally for the year ending 31st December 2013, which included income of £1544 from Membership and our own fund raising events such as Coffee Mornings, the Garden Party, St Mary's Community Day, and the Advent Tea, together with the grant of £500.00 from Windermere Town Council which had been gratefully acknowledged. This income about balanced the costs of entertaining visitors, including the students from the Carl Orff School, the Concert production at the Lakes School, and supporting the exchange visit of Lakes School Students to Diessen. The balance in hand at 31st December 2013, was £3,025.75. The year-end accounts were approved and Joan was thanked for keeping the accounts in good order.

6. Memberships/Subscriptions

Memberships now stand at 33 Members plus 3 Corporate Members. The membership subscription is to remain at £10.00 per person to cover costs of administration and necessary Public Liability Insurance for

7. Election of Officers:

There being no other nominations, Jenny Borer agreed to continue as Chairman, together with Joan Jones as Treasurer. Vice chairman and Secretary posts remain vacant. It was agreed that the Minutes Secretary's role be on a shared basis by other members of the Committee.

8. Election of Committee Members:

Existing committee members, Peter Bayliss, Tony and Liz Blaney, Annette Pearson, Hazel Macfarlane-Wenzel, Rosemary Park, were unanimously re-elected, with the addition of Amanda Davies being proposed and elected. Amanda was then thanked for her offer to do the committee minutes when available.

9. Future events and visits:

School exchange visits continue with the Carl Orff School group arriving in April 2014 when we will be helping with the evening get-together for refreshments and activities with the Lakes School students who will be going on the return visit to Diessen in July. We are working with Adrian Faulkner of the Chamber of Trade exploring the idea of holding a Christmas Market in December. Adrian also repeated the offer from the Chamber of Trade to provide work placements if any Diessen students wished to take advantage of the opportunity. The Blasergruppe will be coming in July for a concert at St Mary's church and an invitation to play with Kendal Concert band who will be celebrating their Golden Jubilee with a series of concerts in Kendal. A group from Diessen will be coming in September to partake in various walks around the local area. It is hope that they may be able to stay all together at the Hawksmoor Guest house, but a hospitality evening will be arranged for when they are here .

10. Correspondence:

An invitation has been sent from Staveley Choral Society to join in with their coming performance of Handel's Messiah at Lakes School on 5th April. All Members will be advised of this date and also our next Coffee Morning at the Marchesi Centre on 12th April 2014.

11. Any other business:

Date of next Committee Meeting –Thursday, 10th April 2014, 7.30pm at the Burnside Hotel

The meeting was closed at 7.50pm when refreshments were served and the English film 'Dinner for One', frequently watched during Christmas in Germany, was shown, after a vote of thanks was given to Jenny for her work for the Twinning Association, in a difficult year for her and her family.