



WINDERMERE – DIESSEN TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on

Thursday, 22nd March 2018 at 7:00pm at

The Marchesi Centre, Holly Road, Windermere.

Present: J Borer - Chair (JB); P Bayliss (PB); M Dawes (MD); S Dawes (SD); A. Faulkner - Secretary (AF); J Jones (JJ); Annette Pearson (AP)

Apologies: Simone Backhouse; Tony & Liz Blaney; Cllr. L Hallatsch; Cllr. C Hallatsch; Lee & Bill Haywood; Rosemary Park; Sheila Ricketts; Mary Waine; Dorothy Weardon

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 24th March 2017 were confirmed as being a correct record.

Matters arising not covered by the agenda

There were no matters arising.

Before the business part of the meeting, William Crisp who had applied for a grant of £100 to further his studies in Germany gave a verbal report which was well received.

Chairman's Report

JB gave her annual report outlining the events that had taken place throughout the year. She reported:

1. That the Lakes School had not visited Diessen last year, but were going this year. The Mayor of Windermere and a small group were also going.
2. Had given a pictorial presentation to the Windermere Town Council.
3. Had been asked if two 13/14 year olds from Diessen could attend the Lakes School for 2 terms. This raised a number of issues in that the school would have had to undertake a series of legal checks – could not find anyone to these. Windermere School were happy to accommodate pupils but they would have to pay term fees! This was reported back to Diessen and nothing furthered transpired.
4. The Chair had attended several meetings of the South Lakes Twin Town Group. Core events tended to be music based.

Thanks were expressed to the Windermere Town Council for their continued financial support, also to all the Committee Members for their continued support and help.

Treasurer's Report

JJ gave her financial report and detailed the accounts. This included acknowledgement of the generous grants from:

1. the Windermere Town Council and the Windermere & Bowness Chamber of Trade
2. The raffle and Children's Tombola at the Advent event raised £12 after a grant of £50 had been made to the school.

JJ also reported that the balances as at the 31st December 2017 were:

Cash - £120.00, and
Bank - £2,508.23

Both the accounts and report were duly **accepted**.

Membership/Subscriptions

JJ reported that:

1. The Twinning Association had 15 members and 3 corporate members.
2. The subscriptions should remain at £10 per person to cover the cost of administration and Public Liability Insurance.
3. **Agenda Item for next AGM**
 - a. Proposal the Corporate Membership goes up to £15.

Election of Officers

The following were duly elected 'en bloc' as officers for the ensuing year:

- a. Chairman – Jenny Borer,
- b. Vice- Chairman – Cllr. Leith Hallatsch
- c. Secretary – Adrian Faulkner,
- d. Treasurer – Joan Jones,
- e. Ex-officio – Rosemary Park as interpreter

Election of Committee Members

The current committee members all agreed to their willingness to stand again. Cllr. Christine Hallatsch offered her services which were accepted.

The whole committee were re-elected 'en-bloc'.

Future Events/Visits

The Chair reported that 2018 marks the 20th Anniversary of Twinning between Windermere and Diessen. There would be a naming ceremony on the Glebe of the Diessen Promenade, accompanied by music from members of the Blasergruppe, who came here for the weekend.

Diessen's Burgermeister who together with our own Town Mayor will be unveiling a plaque placed on a large stone positioned nearby and naming the walk along the lake edge as 'Diessen Promenade' in recognition of all the years of Twinning and friendship between our two communities. This will be followed by the cutting of a special cake and raising a glass or two!

The annual Christmas Advent Sunday event with singing from the choir from St. Martin and St. Marys Primary School is to be held at the Marchesi Centre on Sunday 2nd December 2018 at 2.00pm. Seasonal refreshments will be served.

The Christmas Lunch is being planned at the Lamplighter at the Oakthorpe Hotel Windermere, at 12.30 for 1.00pm on Friday 14th December. Seating is up to 20 people, with menus being distributed near the time.

Correspondence

Nothing to report.

Date of next Committee Meeting

This is to be confirmed.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 21:17.