

Helston & District Town Twinning Association

Meeting held Tues 9th Nov, 7.30pm by Zoom

Present: Ruth Bywaters (RB) (Chairman), Giuliana Hanman (GH), Martin Bywaters (MB), Phil Hanman (PH), Jon Osborne (JO), Michael Thorne (MO), Christine Bonn (CB), Neil Bassett (NB), Ann Higgins (AH), Lesley Ibbotson (LI), Spike Laugher (SL), Judith Laugher (JL), Julia Chambers (JC), Rebecca ?, Shirley Bassett (SB).

Apologies for absence: Tim Gratton-Kane (President), Margaret George, Esther Osborne, John & Nicola Boase, Dee May, John Martin & Sam Hill.

1. Welcome

2. **Minutes of last meeting** (11th September) were read and proposed as a true record by PH and seconded by AH.

3. Matter's Arising

a. Plougasnou Update

- Plougasnou have been successful in a bid to get £10,000 to be used for trips to see how each country are dealing with climate change and biodiversity. Congratulations were given to Christine Bonn, with Mike Thomas support, for writing the bid.
- Correspondence between schools is ongoing
- The meeting felt it would be a good idea for a collaboration between us and Sasso regarding reducing the carbon footprint between the two communities. LI to follow up with Italian student.

Monies to come in from donations at Vicky's funeral to both groups

b. Christmas Party

- RB to ask Felicity to enquire what time we can be in the hall to set up. This decision will help us decide whether we have time to decorate the hall.
- The meeting decided to go with Black tie dress code for those who wish to.
- Attendees so far 18+
- JO to be at the door
- All to bring own plates and cups; cutlery will be provided
- Raffle prizes from those wish to donate, but cannot attend to go to Ruth beforehand
- Food. - Antipasta – EO & JO, JO to confirm if this will include cheese
 - Lasanga – AH
 - Fresh bread & pate – JC
 - Mince Pies – Paul Phillips
 - Pandoro – GH
 - Volauvonts & Italian cheese (if not provided in the antipasti board) – RB
- Meeting decided Secret Santa men buying for men and women for women

4. Treasurer's Report (JO)

- There is over £2,500 in both accounts.
- Donation to charity for Vicki's funeral
- NB sold two Cookery books 2 x £9 each

5. Cornwall Twinning Association

- We have been invited to Cornwall Twinning Association meeting via Margaret George. Anyone who would like to attend please contact RB.

6. Keith's ashes scattering

- Kieran has invited us to Keith's ashes scattering at the Marconi Station at Poldhu on 12th December. Contact RB for further information.

7. Umbrella Group

- Three people are required from each group; two to be available for each meeting. Sasso Group: RB, PH & AH. Plougasnou Group: SL, MT & JC. Ruth will set up the first meeting in January 2022.

8. AOB

- There was no other business so the meeting finished with the bottle raffle which was won by MB. The meeting was followed by 'Show & Tell Christmas decorations' with Sasso, Plougasnou, & Sassenage groups.

9. Date of next meeting: Mon 11th Jan 7pm by zoom.

Action points:

LI – to follow up with Italian student collaboration between Sasso and Helston re reducing the carbon footprint between the two communities.

RB – to ask Felicity to find out what time we can enter the Guildhall for our Christmas event and feedback

And to set date in Jan 2022 for Umbrella Group.