

Helston & District Town Twinning Association

Meeting held Mon 10th May 2021

Present: Phil Hanman (PH) (Chairman), John Martin (JM) President, Giuliana Hanman (GH), Martin Bywaters (MB), Felicity Blight (FB), Anne Higgins (AH), John Osborne (JO), Esther Osborne (EO), Neil Bassett, (NBa), Shirley Bassett (SB), Nicola Boase (NBo), John Boase (JBo), Anne Tryhorn (AT) Lesley Higginbottom (LH), Martin Bywaters (MB) & Christine Bon

Apologies for absence: Ann Tryhorn, Margaret George

1. Welcome - PH

2. Minutes of last meeting, 9th March were read and proposed by John Martin and seconded by Nicola Boase.

3. Matter's Arising

- Bernard Evans copy of large photo should be in the Town Clerk's office - ongoing JM
- Constitution amendment – FB will update Constitution on the website after consultation with PH
- 'Penfriend Group' GH and Trish are discussing this and moving forward. Halwin School, Porkellis and a school in Sasso. Ages 10 and 11 have started to exchange letters. The Plougasnou group have made a connection from their Modern Language Department and Helston Community College, Alison Graham. This exchange has now started with great enthusiasm.
- Sasso Zoom event was a great success. Orchestrated extremely well.

4. This Friday's Zoom Flora Day celebration

- FB shared some of the presentation on Flora Day she is preparing which looked excellent.
- FB to send GH a link of John Eddy speaking about Flora Day so she can translate some for Friday evening along with any other notes she feels needs translation. JM will look at p146 in the Sasso Marconi/Helston book to ensure it is correct and then let GH know as some of this could be read on the evening.
- Program for the evening:
 - i) Greetings between Mayors
 - ii) Explanation of Flora Day in English, Italian and French
 - iii) Part 1 of the presentation by FB
 - iv) Break for any questions and Flora Dance demo by Osbornes
 - v) Part 2
 - vi) Flora Day memories by Sasso and Plougasnou. Suggested a time limit be given to both.
 - vii) Dress code – Flora Day dresses & hats for ladies (if danced before) or smart dress. Men – white shirt and tie with bowler hat/top hat if you have one.
 - viii) Posy of blue bells/lilly of the valley/wild flowers on table
- Thanks was given to Felicity for all her hard work on this presentation.
- It was suggested that all are muted once the evening officially starts. Unmuting individuals when necessary. Sasso did this for their evening and it was very successful.
- As Russian Cream is traditionally eaten on Flora Day AH to email everyone the recipe.

5. Treasurer's Report

- MB and JO trying to sort out change of signatory with Barclays Bank and hopefully this will be sorted by AGM. No changes in Treasurer's report.

6. Nominations for officers and AGM

- PH pointed out that 13th July will be the AGM at which he would like to step down as Chairman. He asked people to give suggestions for nominees for all roles to FB before that meeting.
- FB will check that the Guildhall is free for us that night if a face to face meeting is possible. That evening will be normal twinning meeting at 7pm followed by AGM at 7.30pm.

7. AOB

There was no other business

8. Date of Next Meeting – 13th July 7pm – venue to be confirmed