

Helston & District Town Twinning Association

Meeting held Monday 12th January 2021, 7.00pm by Zoom

Present: Phil Hanman (PH) (Chairman), Giuliana Hanman (GH), Martin Bywaters (MB), Felicity Blight (FB), Anne Higgins (AH), John Osborne (JO), Esther Osborne (EO), Neil Bassett, (NBa), Shirley Bassett (SB).

Apologies for absence: John Martin (JM) President, Nicola Boase (NBo), John Boase (JB), Anne Tryhorn (AT)

1. Welcome - PH

2. Minutes of last meeting, 10th November were read. Proposed by NB and seconded by AH. These will be emailed out with the current ones.

3. Matter's Arising

- Bernard Evans - copy of large photo should be in the Town Clerk's office – JM to look – ongoing
- Constitution amendment – FB will update Constitution on the website after consultation with MB – ongoing
- 'Penfriend Group' GH and Trish are discussing this – ongoing
- JM to speak to Mike Thomas to enquire whether the Twinning Association in Australia is still running with a view to rekindling this relationship in the new year. The meeting agreed this would be an ideal time to explore this with people increasingly using zoom. PH will talk to JM & MT.

4. Report on Christmas Zoom Social with Sasso, Plougasnou and Sassenage.

- All agreed what a tremendous success the evening was which included musical items, games, carol singing, Mayors' greetings, and short clip of Plougasnou at Christmas. Since that evening Christine Bon, Chairman of the Plougasnou twinning group and two of the Plougasnou councillors have expressed an interest in also being twinned with Sasso. Giuliana has conveyed this information to Susi in Sasso.
- PH to feedback that Helston would be happy to replicate this next year. SB suggested Helston could also do a short clip of our town at Christmas including the Christmas lights.
- It was agreed that Zoom offers many opportunities for more frequent contacts and events with our friends in other countries including Australia if they still have an active twinning group.
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5. Ideas for possible zoom events with Sasso and Plougasnou during lockdown

Various ideas were discussed including:

- i. **Feb** - Using the theme of love (Valentine's day) . People could share the sentence 'I love doing...' in which we could show our interests and hobbies to the other groups. This could stimulate new friendships between people who share the same interests and possibly new exchanges in the future.

- ii. **March** could see a short cooking demo of a pasty with 'Hit & Miss' Cornish singers singing Trelawney to celebrate St Piran's Day. Tom Bassett who leads 'Hit & Miss' went **to Sasso in 2019**.
- iii. **April** could be a photographic competition. Most mobile phones now have excellent cameras.
- iv. This list is not exhaustive and all other suggestions will be gratefully received.

GH will chat these ideas through with Sasso and PH with Plougasnou , keeping Spike informed, and will email us all their replies.

6. Treasurer's Report

- No changes since last report. Paperwork for change of signatory from MB to JO has been done and waiting for confirmation from the Bank.

7. AOB

The question was asked if we are paying for the town hall meetings now we are on zoom. FB advised that the council had cancelled the venue so there would be no charge.

8. Date of Next Meeting – Tues 9th March 7.45pm