

TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

TWINNING COMMITTEE

Thursday, 18th March, 2010

Present: Cllr M J Dobson (Chairman), Cllr Mrs J A Anderson, Cllr Ms V Branson and Cllr Miss J L Sergison; Mr P Bisson, Ms S Levett and Mr D Packer.

In attendance were Ms Saunders (Assistant Secretary) and Mrs Shenton (Committee Administrator).

Apologies for absence were received from the Vice-Chairman (Mr D Still); Councillors Aikman, N Heslop, Ms Spence and Thornewell and from Mr M Atkinson, Mr B Buck and Mr D Young.

PART 1 - PUBLIC

**TWC
10/001** **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made.

**TWC
10/002** **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Twinning Committee held on 24 September 2009 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**TWC
10/003** **SECRETARY'S REPORT**
(1) HEUSENSTAMM
(2) LE PUY
(3) GRANTS

The Committee noted that the oak sapling to be purchased by the Freundschaftskreis to mark the 25th Anniversary would be planted at a spot in the Racecourse Sportsground and that the commemorative carving would be located in the Heusenstamm Friendship Wood, Tonbridge.

The Secretary updated the Committee on progress with a proposed visit to the Borough by a delegation from Le Puy-en-Velay.

The Committee was reminded that, due to the current financial climate, no grants would be made to twinning organisations during the 2010/11 financial year.

**TWC
10/004**

REPORT OF TONBRIDGE FRENCH CIRCLE

The Secretary advised that Mr Brian Buck, Chairman of the Tonbridge French Circle, had been appointed as the Circle's representative to the Twinning Committee. She circulated a report provided by Mr Buck in submitting his apologies for absence.

**TWC
10/005**

**REPORT OF HEUSENSTAMM FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE
(1) NACHRICHTEN FEBRUARY 2010**

Copies of Nachrichten for Winter 2009 and February 2010 had been circulated with the agenda. Mr Packer focused his report on the Circle's AGM, forthcoming visits and the effect of the industrial action at British Airways and the Tonbridge Arts Festival.

**TWC
10/006**

REPORT OF MALLING/AUCHEL ASSOCIATION

Mr Bisson outlined the Association's activity over the last year and the programme of events for the forthcoming year. Particular attention was drawn to the increased number of younger children involved in the exchanges with Auchel.

**TWC
10/007**

**REPORT OF SNODLAND/MOYEUVRE GRAND TWINNING
ASSOCIATION**

In the absence of Mr Hickmott no report was submitted.

**TWC
10/008**

REPORT OF BURHAM AND L'EPINE TWINNING ASSOCIATION

In the absence of Mr Young no report was submitted.

**TWC
10/009**

REPORT OF DITTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION

The Secretary advised that Mr Mike Atkinson, Chairman of the Ditton Twinning Association had been appointed as the association's representative to the Twinning Committee. She further advised that, in the absence of Mr Atkinson, no report had been submitted.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION IN PRIVATE

**TWC
10/010**

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

No matters were considered in private.

The meeting ended at 2024 hours