

HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL

**MEETING of the TWINNING COMMITTEE
held Wednesday 9th JUNE 2015**

MINUTES

PRESENT Councillors; Davenport (Chair from minute 35), Cammack & Dixon.

Additionally members of the Hebden Bridge Twinning Society: David Parry, Philip Dean, Joyce Newton and Mike Edwards.

Clerk: Jason Boom – Town Clerk HRTC along with HRTC Officers Hannah Dobson & Harriet Harbidge.

Guest: Mike Crawford.

35. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND DEPUTY CHAIR

It was moved by Cllr Dixon

Seconded by Cllr Cammack and

RESOLVED that Cllr Davenport be elected as Chair of the Twinning Committee for 2015/16

It was moved by Cllr Davenport

Seconded by Cllr Dixon and

RESOLVED that Cllr Trickett be elected as Deputy Chair of the Twinning Committee for 2015/16

36. To receive apologies for absence and any substitutions.

Apologies were received from Cllr Timbers & Trickett with Cllr Dixon acting as a substitute.

37. To receive members` interests relating to agenda items for this meeting.

None declared at this time.

38. To report on matters arising from the minutes of meeting held 24th March 2015 not itemised on this agenda.

No matters were discussed.

39. HEBDEN BRIDGE TWINNING SOCIETY

The Hebden Bridge Twinning Society advised that they were still looking for hosts for five guests at the Twinning Celebrations in August. It had been agreed that the social evening as part of that event would include a quiz with an international flavour, they asked the Town Clerk to prepare a series of eight question, answers and answer sheets along with musical entertainment. It was asked that this be included in the programme.

The Society would be running a stall at Midgley Fete to raise funds for the Society on the 13th June 2015.

40. TWINNING HISTORY DISPLAY

Mike Crawford reported on progress with the exhibit due to run from the 3rd August until 6th September 2015 in the Town Hall Foyer and the Café area.

The display would be in three parts:

- Hebden Bridge Twinning and how it developed illustrated on three A0 panels.
- Two Glass Cabinet Displays including memorabilia and twinning gifts.
- Photographs, Charters and Paintings.

Mike made another appeal for items to include in the display, focusing on personal experience to illustrate what the Town can achieve. He commended schools on their response, both home and abroad.

Mike set a final deadline as the 15th June for information to be submitted to either the Town Clerk to himself directly.

The meeting passed on ideas for sources of information.

It was agreed that the Twinning Society provided the continuity in the relationships in Hebden Royd, with the Council fulfilling the role in St Pol & Warstein due to the differing political structure and size of organisation.

It was moved by Cllr Dixon

Seconded by Cllr Davenport and

RESOLVED: to thank Mike Crawford for the work undertaken to date.

41. TWINNING CELEBRATIONS 2015

The meeting discussed the visit in August 2015.

It was moved by Cllr Dixon

Seconded by Cllr Davenport and

RESOLVED: that

- The programme and design be accepted with amendments agreed upon.
- The guest list be shared by the Twinning Society in an electronic format with the Town Council who would circulate invites, some for hand delivery by the Twinning Society.
- That the Civic Reception provide a drink on arrival and a pay bar beyond that. This information to be added to the programme clearly along with a clear statement that 'Light Refreshments' would be served.
- That the Automaton be the only Civic Gift to be presented.
- That the Town Council produce the Charter of Friendship in a way they deem fit.

David Parry and Philip Dean confirmed that the Twinning Society contribution would be £500.00.

Meeting finished at 8.45pm.

The next meeting to take place on Tuesday 14th July 2015.

HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL

MEETING of the TWINNING COMMITTEE held Tuesday, 14th JULY 2015

MINUTES

PRESENT Councillors; Davenport (Chair), Boggis, Cammack, Dixon & Trickett.

Additionally members of the Hebden Bridge Twinning Society: Mike Edwards & Jane Jackson.

Clerk: Jason Boom – Town Clerk HRTC along with HRTC Officers Hannah Dobson & Harriet Harbidge.

- 105. To receive apologies for absence and any substitutions.**
Apologies were received from Cllr Timbers with Cllr Dixon acting as a substitute.
- 106. To receive members` interests relating to agenda items for this meeting.**
None declared at this time.
- 107. To report on matters arising from the minutes of meeting held 6th June 2015 not itemised on this agenda.**
The Clerk confirmed that the exhibition was on course to open on the 3rd August in the Town Hall. Thanks were expressed to all who had contributed including members of the Hebden Bridge Twinning Society and Town Councillors.

Note: Cllr Trickett left the meeting.

- 108. TWINNING CELEBRATIONS 2015**
The meeting discussed the visit in August 2015.

It was moved by Cllr Dixon
Seconded by Cllr Boggis and

RESOLVED: that

- Twinning Society Representatives would communicate that a formal buffet could not be accommodated at the Town hall given numbers of those attending. They are to seek authorisation from their members for an additional £450 to support catering at the Civic Reception and to communicate this decision back to HRTC Officers as soon as possible.
- the wording of the charters be accepted as presented.
- the guest list appeared to be accurate, alterations should be notified as soon as possible. The Twinning Society at this point asked for further offers for hosting our guests.

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HEBDEN BRIDGE TWINNING SOCIETY

The Twinning Society had no further information to add to the meeting.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting to take place on Tuesday 10th November 2015 with the main item for discussion likely to be the return trip to Warstein in May 2016.

Meeting finished at 8.15pm.

HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL

MEETING of the TWINNING COMMITTEE held Tuesday 10th NOVEMBER 2015

Meeting Notes

PRESENT Councillors; Crosland & Dixon.

Additionally members of the Hebden Bridge Twinning Society: David Parry & Jane Jackson.

Clerk: Jason Boom – Town Clerk HRTC along with HRTC Officer Harriet Harbidge.

Please note as the meeting was not quorate these notes do not constitute formal minutes of the meeting.

The Twinning Society confirmed that an AGM had been held with Jane Jackson appointed as Secretary as a replacement for Philip Dean who had stood down. Representatives to the Twinning Committee would be Mike Edwards, Jane Jackson & David Parry. The visit of two Councillors from Paratico in Italy to Hebden Bridge was reviewed with written reports discussed. Feedback from Paratico is still being waited but a tentative date for a return visit has been planned. A request for HRTC representation was made. Golega had advised that the link through equestrianism had been weakened by a withdrawal of funding in Portugal but the Twinning Society was pursuing a return visit to Hebden Bridge to the 2014 friendship visit, again a request for HRTC representation was made.

The Celebrations of August 2015 were discussed. It was identified that the date set was as a consequence of the heavy schedule between St Pol & Warstein and that the Bank Holiday weekend chosen was perhaps suited more to hosts to allow them set up time etc. The events programme was perhaps too busy on the Friday and this should be considered next time along with a venue large enough to accommodate a sit down meal for all, with hosts paying for their own meal.

The responsibilities of the Town Council and the Twinning Society was discussed and it was felt that the Twinning Society should have had more input at the planning stage and that the Civic Responsibilities of the Town Council be clearly defined in standing orders.

Expected visits were outlined as:

- Official Visit to Warstein May 2016.
- Friendship Visit to Paratico, Italy April 2016.
- Return Friendship Visit to Golega, Portugal May 2016.

Budget requests were unable to be considered due to the meeting not being quorate.

A desire was expressed that future meetings of the Twinning Committee be held in the Greenwood Room where possible.

The meeting finished at 8.45pm.

HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL

**MEETING of the TWINNING COMMITTEE
held Tuesday, 23rd FEBRUARY 2016**

MINUTES

PRESENT Councillors; Dixon (Chair), Cammack & Timbers.

Additionally members of the Hebden Bridge Twinning Society: Phillip Dean & Jane Jackson.

Clerk: Jason Boom – Town Clerk with HRTC Officer Harriet Harbidge.

442. Apologies for Absence and any substitutions

Apologies were received from David Parry.

443. Members` Interests relating to agenda items for this meeting.

None were declared at the time.

444. To report on matters arising from the minutes of meeting held 14th July 2015 and notes of meeting held 10th November 2015 not itemised on this agenda.

It was agreed that the meeting notes of the 10.11.16 be updated following comment from the Twinning Society.

445. HEBDEN BRIDGE TWINNING SOCIETY

The Twinning Society advised that no communication had been received from Golega.

A friendship visit to Paratico was planned for April 2016 with a request that prizes be donated to help with fund raising for future trips.

The meeting was advised that acknowledgements and thanks from the Town Council and the Twinning Society had been sent to Warstein and St Pol for their support and fund raising following the Boxing Day Floods. Father John Gott had replied directly to his Warstein equivalent. The meeting thanked the Community Foundation for Calderdale for assistance in distributing funds.

446. TWINNING CELEBRATIONS WARSTEIN MAY 2016

It was confirmed that Cllrs Fearon, Hodgins, Davenport, Cammack and Boggis would be attending the celebrations with the Twinning Society to communicate this and arrange accommodation.

447. REVISED DELEGATED POWERS

Cllr Dixon explained the revisions and invited questions.

It was confirmed that the Town Council would continue to appoint representatives to the Twinning Society who would act as link.

448. BUDGET 2016/17

It was confirmed that full council had made £1000 available for 2016/17.