

## HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL

### MEETING of the TWINNING COMMITTEE held Monday 8<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2021

#### MINUTES

**PRESENT** Councillors; Freeth (Chair from minute 394), Stevens & Fraser

**Additionally, members of the Hebden Bridge Twinning Society: Mike Edwards, David Parry & Jane Jackson.**

**Clerk: Jason Boom – Town Clerk HRTC.**

**394. ELECTION OF CHAIR & DEPUTY CHAIR OF THE TWINNING COMMITTEE 2020/21**

It was **proposed** by Councillor Stevens

**Seconded** by Councillor Fraser

**Unanimously resolved;** that Councillor Freeth be elected **Chair of the Twinning Committee** for the year 2020/21.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Stevens

**Seconded** by Councillor Freeth

**Unanimously resolved;** that Councillor Fraser be elected **Vice Chair of the Twinning Committee** for the year 2020/21.

**395. Apologies for Absence and any substitutions**

None were received or required.

**396. Members` Interests relating to agenda items for this meeting.**

None were declared at this time.

**397. Matters arising from Minutes of Meeting held 6th January 2020 not itemised on this Agenda.**

**398. 2021 TWINNING CELEBRATIONS**

The meeting discussed the plans deferred from 2020 to receive visits from St Pol in May 2020 and Warstein in August 2020 considering the possibility of arranging similar events at similar times in 2021.

The meeting considered the current roadmap to easing Covid-19 restrictions with particular reference to social distancing, the rate of vaccinations in the respective nations and international travel.

Financial resources of the Town Council and the Twinning Society were shared.

The meeting received information from both St Pol and Warstein regarding their plans, acknowledging a recent decision for St Pol to explore the possibility of an official visit from Warstein in September that has yet to be confirmed.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Fraser

**Seconded** by Councillor Freeth

**Unanimously resolved;** that the committee do not feel that given the current advice that they are able to invite the Twin Town of St Pol and Warstein to Hebden Royd in 2021 as a consequence of the Covid-129 Global Pandemic and the processes underway to lift risks associated with the virus. Consequently no twinning exchange will be organised in Hebden Royd in 2021.

The decision was made with the complete support of the members of the twinning society in attendance.

**399.**

### **2022 TWINNING CELEBRATIONS**

Having reviewed plans intended for use in 2020 the meeting felt that they remained appropriate for use when the twin towns are able to meet.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Fraser

**Seconded** by Councillor Stevens

**Unanimously resolved;** that the committee meet in September 2021 to review the position at that point in time with a view to looking to invite the twin towns to visit Hebden Royd in May 2022 (St Pol) and August 2022 (Warstein).

Again the Twinning Society were in complete support of the decision.

It was agreed that the Town Council and the Twinning Society work to deliver a Social Event/Quiz with our Twin Towns in the coming months to ensure contact with our friends. It was noted that a platform different to Zoom may be required to adequately communicate between the three towns.

Meeting finished at 2.50pm.