

HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL

MEETING of the TWINNING COMMITTEE held Monday 19th June 2023

MINUTES

PRESENT Councillors; Hayes & Fraser.

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

Clerk: Jason Boom – Town Clerk HRTC.

NOTES

As the meeting was not quorate notes were taken.

- 36. ELECTION OF CHAIR & DEPUTY CHAIR OF THE TWINNING COMMITTEE 2023/24**
No chair was elected.
- 37. Apologies for Absence and any substitutions**
Cllrs Cammack & Needham.
- 38. Members` Interests relating to agenda items for this meeting.**
None were declared at this time.
- 39. Matters arising from Minutes of Meeting held 13th June 2022 not itemised on this Agenda**
None were noted.
- 40. DELEGATED POWERS & MEMBERSHIP**
Was not considered.
- 41. HEBDEN BRIDGE TWINNING SOCIETY**
The Twinning Society shared their recent actions highlighting that their social events are inward and outward looking. The programme of upcoming events had been circulated by the Twinning Society prior to the meeting and were discussed these included a Garden Party and a Beer & Sausage Evening. They also shared an upcoming presentation to the Local History Society on the work, past and present, of the Twinning Society.
- The visit to St Pol May 2024 traditionally sees St Pol hosting over the Ascension Day long weekend (9th to 12th May in 2024). They appreciate the HRTC's desire to visit after the new HRTC Mayor is confirmed but this weekend suits them.
- It was agreed that a decision would be taken closer to the time regarding the figurehead of the HRTC Civic Party on this trip in 2024 and that we would encourage our friends in St Pol to progress the celebration over the Ascension Day long weekend (9th to the 12th May 2024).

During lockdown the Twinning Societies friendship town Paratico were forced to cancel their annual language school with which the Twinning Society used to assist. They remain in touch with Paratico, and we hope that opportunities for students from Hebden Royd to help at the school will arise again in the future.

Links with schools and local business

Schools – planned environmental project between local schools in Hebden Royd and Warstein on environmental projects (Slow the Flow here and the Warstein Forest project). Despite the continued efforts Calder High has not been persuaded to become involved in this. As a result, Primary schools will be contacted.

Local Business – information is regularly provided to local business via Rob Freeth (Rotary Club) and our president Val Stevens (Royd Regeneration).

Please note that the HBTS website (<http://www.hebdenbridgetwinning.org.uk/>) includes reports and information on all our activities.

42.

FRIENDSHIP VISIT – WARSTEIN 28th Sept to 3rd Oct 2023.

As the meeting was not quorate the Mayor agreed to under write decisions from their allowance should necessary expenses viewed necessary at the meeting not be agreed at a future meeting of the Twinning Committee.

It was agreed that the Mayor and the Town Clerk attend and that members of the committee receive a contribution of £100 toward air fares should they wish to attend, attendance should be finalised by 23rd June 2023.

The Mayor will meet expenses for her hotel and electric car transfer from her allowance. The Clerks expenses are to be met from the Twinning Committee budget.

Twining gifts were discussed and the following was agreed and will be communicated to our twin towns to seek agreement. It is hoped that the respective ‘twining societies’ will follow suit:

- We encourage visitors to give a personal gift to their host.
- We encourage a Mayor to Mayor personal gift.
- While appreciating everyone’s generosity it is not necessary to provide a gift between towns. If Town insists it should be a monetary gift to the receiving Mayors nominated charity.

Meeting finished at 3.01pm.

HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL

**MEETING of the TWINNING COMMITTEE
held Monday 22nd January 2024**

MINUTES

PRESENT Councillors;

Members of the Hebden Bridge Twinning Society: David McKay & Jane Jackson.

Clerk: Jason Boom – Town Clerk HRTC.

NOTES

As the meeting was not quorate notes were taken.

- 346. Apologies for Absence and any substitutions**
Cllr Fraser.
- 347. Members` Interests relating to agenda items for this meeting.**
None were noted.
- 348. Matters arising from Minutes of Meeting held 19th June 2023 not itemised on this Agenda**
None were noted.
- 349. Hebden Bridge Twinning Society**
The Twinning Society verbally reported on recent actions including the friendship visit to Warstein, the annual garden party and the 2024 programme..
- 350. Twin Town Agreement**
The Twinning society were happy to hear of the adoption of the agreement encompassing gifts, arrangements and the focus of gatherings.
The agreement will be circulated to each of the Twin Towns.
- 351. Friendship Visit to St Pol sur Ternoise 9th May to 12th May 2024.**
Arrangements, primarily travel, were discussed with the Twinning Society putting the options to their members at their AGM on the 30th January at Hebden Bridge Town Hall at 7.30pm. Councillors are invited to attend the AGM, should they wish to attend they should contact Jane Jackson in advance. It was noted that this visit is to mark the 45th Anniversary of the Twinning Agreement between St Pol & Hebden Bridge and as such civic representation will be appropriate. The return visit in 2025 will mark the anniversary in Hebden Bridge.

Meeting finished at 3.10pm.