



TWYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of organisations interested in finding out more about twinning with Quincy held at 7:30pm, Thursday 25th May 2017 at Loddon Hall, Twyford.

Present: Councillors: Mr David Fergusson (Chair), Mr J Jarvis & Mr D White. Members of local organisations: Mrs Jacky Crossman (High Voltage Singers), Audrey Curtis (History Society), Andrew Farmery (Twyford Comets), Mr Michael Humphries (Church organist), Mr Gordon Holmes (Age Concern), Mrs Jan Kendall, Mrs Karen Miller & Mrs Nikki Ochtman (RG10).

Apologies: Councillors – Mr J Bowley, Mrs B Ditcham & Mr R Mantel.

1. Welcome

Twyford Parish Council Chairman – Mr Roy Mantel

In Mr Mantel's absence Mr Fergusson the Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee welcomed those attending.

2. Introductions of all attendees

Introductions were made around the room.

3. Background & history of the idea

Mr David Fergusson thanked everyone for attending and reported that Quincy approached Twyford Parish Council early last year with a view to forming a twinning relationship with Twyford. This has been discussed within the Parish Council and over the last months there has been correspondence between the Parish Council and the Quincy Council. Minutes of the last meeting had been circulated and an overview was given.

Mr Fergusson reported that since the last meeting Helen Ball, Headteacher of Polehampton Infant School, expressed their support for the Twinning Proposal. They would be keen to get involved in joint activities with their schools. They say that whilst their children are too young to go on trips they could do some pen-pal style work together. They have a French club at school so Helen reported this would be a super project for them to work on.

The Council are looking for members of the community to drive the project.

4. Request for volunteers to help form a Twinning Committee

It was confirmed there was interest in setting up a committee. The following members agreed to join the committee:

Gordon Holmes
John Jarvis
Jan Kendall
David White

In addition, Karen Miller agreed to help out with translations, Nikki Ochtman agreed to help out with publicity / promotions / where possible. Jacky Crossman is keen to arrange one of the first exchanges with her High Voltage Singers.

Space has been reserved under the Twyford Together stall at the Donley Derby on Sunday 4th for the committee to promote the Twinning project. Several members were already committed to other stalls. Nikki agreed to provide a small table and it was agreed to engage residents in the idea of Twinning and get them to think how they might like to be involved. Gordon Holmes will promote 'Twinning' from his stall.

Agreed for the clerk to set up a 'Twinning' email address:

twinning@twyfordparishcouncil.gov.uk for initial enquiries from the Donkey Derby. A3 copies of the 'Twinning' poster will be on display with copies of the Cuincy leaflet for people to view (agreed the group did not want to produce leaflets that would just be put in the recycling at home). Agreed to capture names, email addresses, phone numbers and affiliation of resident keen to engage in the project. John Jarvis agreed to promote 'Twinning' at the Donkey Derby and Nikki Ochtman will help where she can. John Jarvis will organise the A3 posters and leaflets.

The committee were keen to invite representatives from Cuincy. Jackie Crossman, Michael Humphries & Jan Kendall discussed that they might be willing to host Cuincy representatives although it was also suggested that initially hotels might also be appropriate. It was suggested Cuincy representatives might be invited to attend the Village Fete on 19th August 2017.

Jacky Crossman suggested that the 'Joystick Club' might be interested in getting involved / promoting the project.

5. Formation of a Twinning Committee

Agreed to engage others at the Donkey Derby. The next meeting will see the committee formed properly with a Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary. They will look at Sonning's constitution (Clerk to circulate). Agreed to invite Sonning Twinning committee to the June meeting.

6. Date of next meeting: Monday 19th June at 7:30pm Age Concern.

The meeting closed at 8:49pm

