

Ludlow French Twinning Committee.

Minutes of the meeting held on 7th May 2015.

Present: Dave Mulliner [Chair], Philip Adams, Sheila French, Shirley Davies and Tony Price.

Apologies: Tim Mawson, John French, Sylvia Duffy.

Minutes of previous meeting were approved.

Matters arising: The Secretary stated that the proposal made at the Annual meeting to publish the agenda and date for Committee meetings in the newsletter was a praiseworthy idea but the practicality requires further examination. There is no fixed schedule of dates for either the newsletter or committee meetings, making it difficult to co-ordinate both. All newsletters are added to the website and minutes could possibly be added. The invitation to anyone who might be interested in attending a committee meeting will be included in the next newsletter. Those interested must then let the secretary know that they would like to come along. Subject to numbers wanting to come, the secretary would then send the minutes to those persons.

Ludlow in Bloom: The treasurer has received £80 payment from a member for the association to be represented in the form of a large flower box by the castle. Chairman has informed Viv Parry of the inscription we require. Dave Mulliner will ask her whether we need to do anything else.

Membership: Dave reported that some members had still not responded to the request for payment of subscriptions for 2015 and that they will be crossed off the list of members.

List of hosts for Ludlow visitors: Sheila reported that Catherine had still not sent the final list of hosts. Sylvia Duffy will check whether families with children have made contact with their host families, and will make a further request of Yvon Jestin for the final list tomorrow.

Ashford Carbonell get-together 16th May

The get-together for visiting families is now to be held on Saturday 16th May at Ashford Carbonell Village Hall. Dave Mulliner will write again to all members to get a clear idea of numbers attending. The visit schedule will be explained in a ten-minute formal presentation at the get-together. Some key points to be made will be:

- Passports to be kept with person, not in hold baggage
- Place and time of loading luggage onto coach at LFM on final day. Members travelling with hosts by car to Monday venues MUST load luggage onto coach before leaving LFM
- Each traveller/travelling family to arrange their own travel insurance and E111 card because bloc insurance is no longer available
- Cabin numbers will be allocated before going on board ship. Reclining seat numbers will be

issued on board

Finance

Treasurer reported that there was £2877 in the current and £2,364 in the deposit account with £63 in petty cash. £900 of the £2877 will pay for meals during the visit. £1018 has been received in total from the British Legion, Wesleys and a Member's donation. £674 of the £1018 will be used to subsidise young members to make the May trip,

The principle of subsidizing children including those accompanying committee members was again discussed in relation to a late cancellation due to ill health. It was agreed that the member unable to travel should lose his deposit but be fully reimbursed for the remaining £117. This full reimbursement was possible because his cabin can be taken up by another. In this unexpected situation, the committee agreed that it would be acceptable for the place to be taken up by the subsidised 14 year-old relative of a committee member, given no other acceptances of the freed place had been received.

Final Travel arrangements

LFM Committee have said they do not wish to change the final day travel arrangements. In order to fulfil the original schedule a separate driver (from Poole to Ludlow) will, therefore, be sought at a cost of around £300. Dave Mulliner will stress to Boulton's that the coach must return by our chosen route to enable a suitable comfort stop to be made, and avoid the inconveniences which travellers suffered the year before last. The ferry and bus costs have been paid. Treasurer will pay for the reception meal direct and advise that four veggie/fish options are required.

Other business

None

Next meeting: 11 June, 2015, at the French's, Coach House Fields at 7.30pm.