

# **LOUGHBOROUGH TWINNING ASSOCIATION**

## **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting**

**19 May 2011**

**Held In the Council Chamber of The Town Hall**

**By Kind Permission Of The Mayor.**

The Mayor, Councillor Bernard Burr, opened the meeting at 19.30

### **1. Members present.**

Raymond and Mavis Mason, Ken and Maureen Pacey  
Elizabeth Steel, Richard and Hazel Meredith, Sylvia Gaunt,  
Mavis Stanley, Jim Matthews, Jenny Carter, Sue Hunt,  
David Walker, John Graham, Derek and Eileen Buxton,  
Pauline Hallam, Roger Brown, Bob Holownia, Diane  
Coppard, and David Hogg.

### **Apologies**

Apologies had been received from Jean Burnard, Colin and  
Nadia Revell, Jane Girdler, Les Bailey and Colin Salsbury.

### **2. Minutes of the AGM held on 19 May 2010**

The minutes of the previous AGM were approved and  
signed by the Chairman.

### **3. Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

### **4. Re-appointment of the Chairman**

The Mayor explained that Raymond Mason could continue  
in office for a fourth and final year. Ken Pacey proposed  
and Jenny Carter seconded that Raymond Mason be  
elected to the Chair of the Association. The motion was  
approved nem con.

### **5. Hand over to the Chairman**

The Mayor asked Raymond Mason to take over the Chair of  
the meeting.

**Officers** were then appointed by a unanimous block vote.

Vice Chair	Colin Salsbury
Immediate Past Chair	David Walker
Secretary	Sue Hunt

Treasurer	David Hogg
Minute Secretary	No proposals; David Walker pro tem
Membership Secretary	Pauline Hallam

**CBC Representatives** To be appointed

**Group Representatives** were noted:

Epinal	David Wolfe
Schwäbisch Hall	Pauline Hallam
Gembloux	Jenny Carter
Zamość	Eileen Buxton
Bhavnagar	Daphne Beale

**Elected members** of the Executive Committee

Mavis Mason  
Ken Pacey  
Hazel Meredith  
Richard Meredith  
Bob Holownia

**The above members were willing to stand.**

Roger Brown – Proposed by Pauline Hallam, seconded by Jenny Carter. Unanimously agreed.

## 6. Chairman's Report

The Chairman welcomed the newly elected Mayor to the world of twinning and assured him that he would enjoy his visits to our twin towns.

The Chairman reported that it had been a very good year with visits from Gembloux and Zamość and to Schwäbisch Hall and Epinal..

The Chairman thanked Pauline Hallam and David Walker who had successfully re-organised the membership records and the subscriptions, necessitated by the withdrawal of support from CBC. He also thanked David Walker for the web-site and the newsletter.

Finally he thanked all those who had supported the Association by their presence at the meeting.

## 7. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer presented his report, which is appended to these minutes. He noted that the Gembloux and Zamość

groups would need to raise more funds to support their guests in 2012. The Treasurer said that Schwäbisch Hall group accounts were not reported to the AGM because the group accounts held independently of the LTA..

Mrs Minifie was re-appointed as an independent examiner of the accounts. She was proposed by Richard Meredith and seconded by Ken Pacey. There was unanimous agreement.

The motion to approve the accounts was proposed by Ken Pacey and seconded by Mavis Mason and approved on a show of hands.

## **8. Twinning Highlights for 2010**

**Pauline Hallam** reported that he **Schwäbisch Hall** group now had 45 members, (out of the 85 members of the LTA), and was anticipating that 47 visitors would be in Loughborough from August 5th to August 9th. 2011

Richard Meredith added that there had been three applicants for the Goethe Institute scholarship this year, and the publicity had been produced by Ina Herrmann from Schwäbisch Hall while she had been on a work placement with CBC. The winner of the scholarship was a student from Burleigh College.

**David Wolfe** reported that the Mayor, Jill Vincent, on her successful visit to **Epinal** had ascertained that the Mairie would not support family twinning, but were willing to establish and maintain a register of families that were interested in exchanges.

The Mairie were primarily interested in developing commercial and educational links. With the great assistance of Paul Fileman, the President of Loughborough Chamber of Commerce, a group of apprentices had been able to spend time in Loughborough gaining work experience in hairdressers, bakers etc. They had stayed at Quorn hall.

David Wolfe also reported on a successful party at the house of Mavis and Raymond Mason and that there would be a group going to the Braderie in September.

**Jenny Carter** reported that 18 of the 27 group members would be going to **Gembloux** from June 2 to June 7. She also said that here had been a second visit of the Junior Dynamos

football team and that the visit of the Mayor had been warmly received.

**Eileen Buxton** reported that the **Zamość** group now had 45 members and that 22 visitors from Zamość had visited last summer, spending 5 days in Loughborough and 2 days in London. From 18 to 22 August 2011 15 members of the group were planning to go to Vilnius and Białystok on their way to Zamość. Others would join them in Zamość.

It was reported that there had been a visit of 5 children and 2 teachers from Zamość to Limehurst School.

There was no report from the **Bhavnagar** group. It was reported that there had been a ceremony to relay the Bhavnagar plaque by the Fearon Memorial fountain in the market square but few people had been told of this event and few attended.

## **9. Any Other Business**

The Chairman reported that there had been a meeting of the CTA to discuss a proposal made by Sue Rodgers for an event to promote twinning in May of next year. It was reported that few people had attended. However the proposal was on the agenda for the meeting of the CTA on May 26th 2011.

## **10. Date of next AGM 16 May 2012**

**After the AGM Helen Trilling gave an excellent account of her work as International Links Co-ordinator for Leicestershire County Council and described the many international links that had been established by local schools, and the funding that is available to support such activities.**