

Minutes of Bridgwater-Marsa Twinning Association

06/09/2016 Held at Mayors Parlour.

Present-Alex Glassford (Mayor) Sonia and Adam Tucker, Tricia Brown, Mike Grabner, Pat and Steve Morgan.

Apologies- Helmi Holder Wolff, Gordon and Barbara Taylor, Di Grabner and James Morgan.

Chairman's Report-MG thanked Alex and the Town Council for the use of the Mayors Parlour.

He then gave feedback from the last Town Twinning meeting. There was reflection on the one held in April and it was felt that perhaps we needed to be more central and needed more advertising as not such a high footfall as we had hoped for being in the Town Hall. It was decided that another would be held next year in April but avoiding Easter and when the Arts Centre would be available for the evening event. Brian Smedley will approach the Town Team to see if it could be possibly held in Angel Place Shopping Precinct. It would also need to find out size of table available and if food/drink would be able to be sampled.

Each twinned group will need to approach their partners to see if they could provide some entertainment. More advertisement will need to be discussed and there was a thought that we could ask a celebrity to open it. So Plan A would be to hold it in Angle Place and Plan B would be the Charter Hall (Town Hall)

Going to Malta for the 10th Anniversary of the Twinning Agreement signing will be Mike and Di Grabner, Pat and Steve Morgan, Jennie and Pat Parker(for 2 weeks) , Sonia, Ian Tucker and their grandson Adam Tucker who will celebrate his birthday when there for the week. There are other birthdays and anniversaries while we are there! Our Mayor wants to come on Friday 28th and travel home on Monday 31st as diary is very busy.

Alex mentioned that to be able to take his Mayoral chain he will need an official invitation from Marsa Council that will need to be sent to Alan Hurford Town Clerk and Judi Fisher Mayors PA. **PM** will send email to request this as he needs this for insurance purposes for the chain.

MG also said there are some talks booked for us to talk about the twinning to a few groups next year. A lady called Linda Krause (not sure of correct spelling) has offered us via **DG** a paperweight with the Maltese Cross in.

Secretary Report-PM had emailed Dominic Spencer to ask for an idea of what may be planned for the weekend 28-30th October so she could bring it with her tonight but had forgotten that the Spencer family were on a cruise in the Mediterranean! She will send again to Marsa council, Francis (Mayor) and Dominic also when we will be there and where we will be staying. She also pointed out that the Marsa Cultural and Historical Society are celebrating their 15th anniversary and wanted to include it with a Maltese Evening when we were all over. She will contact Raymond Montebello about this. **Alex** has not yet booked and wants to go Friday to Monday, **SM** will go and see what he can find and let **AG** know. She had heard back from Graham and Kay Granter who are unable to come to Malta as booked to go to Egypt but send their regards to all in Marsa.

Treasurer Report-SM said there was no change in bank balance of £958-43p and thanked the Town Council for the Annual Core Funding, there will be some expenditure coming up with the trip to Malta.

Membership Secretary- MG welcomed **TB** back who apologised for missing the last meeting. Her neighbour who goes to Malta does not seem interested in the Association.**PM** explained that the teacher from St Mary's had been in contact with her as she will be teaching older children and maybe will want us to take information from school when we go in October as by then school should have started back after the long summer break. **TB** said she will visit school soon.

Any Other Business- an AGM will need to be arranged after we come back from Malta. **PM** to sort out and inform all.

With subjects that need to be discussed Vice Chair post, subscriptions, how we encourage new members and feedback from the trip to Marsa/Malta.

A meeting planned for the afternoon of 13th October for those going to Malta – time to be arranged.