

THE FRENCH CONNECTION

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 24th October at 14 Yeoman's Orchard

Present: Frank Finn, Anthony Hancock, Janet Walters, David Simpson, Annabel Scott, Colville Greaves

1. Apologies: John Adams

2. Minutes of meeting on 4th October: Two typing amendments and minutes approved.

3. Matters arising:

- Following forced change of venue for the AGM, David proposed using Wrington Sports & Social Club. There will be a nominal fee.
- **Colville** to check availability of Reading Room. If this is not available, **David** to confirm a booking with Sports & Social Club.
- If appropriate **Tony** to host the quiz after the AGM. Get prize.
- No catering if AGM will be at the Sports & Social Club. If the Reading Room is available, we will provide nibbles and wine. It was agreed that no charge will be made and a box for contributions will be made available.

4. Exchange update:

- Exchange between year 12 students from Churchill and Sérignan going ahead
- The plan involves both groups doing the exchange over a ten day period
- Year 5 students continuing to exchange letters. It is hoped that these are the students of future exchanges

5. VLB exchange, magazine article and subsequent correspondence:

- Annabel has sent a thank you to Emmanuelle
- Tony made the point that we need more details about the families that are keen to visit. **Annabel** to contact Emmanuelle about this.
- Now that VLB are keen to follow up on the exchange, **Annabel** to put a short article/ advert in the Wrington Journal, as well as other media like the Facebook page, to gauge support from potential families.
- Possibility of widening the catchment area to include Winscombe
- **Annabel** to explore the new school newsletter as a possible vehicle for information about the twinning activities and exchange programme

6.A.O.B

- DS suggested that if the exchange went ahead next March and it was appropriate, the Parish Council could host a reception for the French visitors
- **Annabel** to contact teacher in charge at Churchill School for more information regarding the format of the visit
- **Tony** suggested that the remaining copies of 'France without Tears' could be brought to the AGM to try and sell them at a reduced price of £5.
- **Tony** to provisionally book The Roxy for a film evening on 14th March 2018. It was also noted that an events programme needs to be put together urgently. An event for Bastille Day and another for the France vs England rugby match are to be explored.
- **Colville** to contact the Cercle Français in Bristol and discuss possible links
- **Frank** distributed revised login /passwords for Wrington Twinning webmail
- **Frank** to look into getting FC notice board for the Memorial Hall
- Depending on the final venue for the AGM, Frank would like a projector for his talk.
- Is the Parish Council prepared to fly the Tricolore?
- It was agreed to fix the date of the next meeting after the AGM

With many thanks to Janet for her kind hospitality, the meeting closed at 15.58

Any other business:

Date of next meeting:

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