

THE FRENCH CONNECTION

Minutes of Committee Meeting 10th February 2017

Present: Frank Finn, Janet Walters, Annabel Scott., Tony Hancock.

- 1. Apologies:** David Simpson, John Adams (in attendance for the last 15 minutes)
- 2. Minutes of meeting on 13th January 2017:** These were approved
- 3. Appointment of officers:** The following appointments were made:
 - Chairman: Frank Finn: (proposed by Janet Walters and seconded by Annabel Scott)
 - Joint Secretary (together with Tony Hancock) Colville Greaves (proposed by Tony Hancock and seconded by Frank Finn)
 - Treasurer: Janet Walters (proposed by Frank Finn and seconded by Tony Hancock).It was also agreed that Annabel Scott would work with Frank Finn on IT matters, including Facebook and Twitter accounts.
- 4. New Committee member:** It was agreed that Roger Bowker should be co-opted on to the committee.
- 5. Sérignan visit:** John Adams had already produced a report on this. It was agreed that the visit had been very successful and the committee thanked John Adams, Janet Walters and all others who had helped
- 6. Appraisal of twinning and TFC activities:** This was discussed and it was agreed that Tony Hancock would produce a paper for further discussion.
ACTION: Tony Hancock to produce discussion paper.
- 7. Events programme:**
 - Film evening: The following duties were allocated: Annabel Scott to provide DVD of film: John Adams to provide projection and screening equipment; Frank Finn and Janet Walters to provide food and nibbles; Tony Hancock to be at reception desk. It was confirmed that the Reading Room will be available from 6.00 pm.
ACTION: Everybody to fulfil their allocated tasks.
 - Cabaret evening. This is still under consideration by John Adams. David Simpson has contacted the Drama Group to invite them to help
 - Quiz Night. A provisional date of 19th March was agreed, to be held at The Plough.
ACTION: Janet Walters to prepare the quiz and to confirm the availability of The Plough
 - French dinner evening. Tony Hancock confirmed that he had arranged that a vegetarian alternative could be available. He will arrange the menu with Goodfellows.
ACTION: Tony Hancock to deal with the necessary arrangements.
 - Other: John Urquhart will be invited to give a talk.

ACTION: Tony Hancock to arrange with John Urquhart

8. Wrington Fair and Pageant. Annabel Scott confirmed that she is in contact with Alan Milne over the possible participation of TFC. She also confirmed that it is unlikely that there will be anybody present from VLB. It was however suggested that it might be possible to interest Sérignan Lycée to send people over

ACTION: Annabel Scott to remain in contact with the organisers and to contact Sérignan Lycée.

9. Any other business:

(a) Echo Irving had said that she would like to attend the film evening if we could arrange to collect her and take her home afterwards. Annabel Scott volunteered to do this.

ACTION: Annabel Scott to liaise with Echo Irving.

(b) Colville Greaves enquired whether he might invite members of TFC to take part in the exchange visit with Montpellier that he is arranging for the early summer. It was agreed that this should be done and that details would be included in the email to members being prepared by the Chairman and Janet Walters.

ACTION: Colville Greaves to liaise with Janet Walters.

(c) Frank Finn tabled a draft winter newsletter that will be circulated to members together with a detailed email that he is preparing with Janet Walters

ACTION: Frank Finn and Janet Walters to pursue this.

10. Date of next meeting: 10th March, 10.30 am at The Plough.