FROME TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 11th October 2016

at 7.30pm at Glen House

## Present: Alan Glover, Justin Worringham, Sue Worringham, Pat Boyd, Pat Oatley,

##  Hilary Daniel, Damon Hooton, Joyce Somerville and Elizabeth Wakefield

##  Also present was Cath Puddick of Frome Town Council

1. Apologies. Rachel Blacklidge, Criss Glover, Anna Potoniec and Peter Wheelhouse
2. Minutes of Meeting held on 9th August 2016

These were approved and signed

1. Matters arising

AG will contact Town Council about refund of fee paid to translator for Thematic visit to Rabka.

The joint press release on the Declaration of the Twin Towns has not been sent to the local papers. We had agreed it at our last meeting and were waiting for the Town Council to agree the wording. CP will follow it up but thought it had been agreed.

1. Secretary's report

There was nothing to report

1. Treasurer's report

There is £1133.18 in the bank and the insurance has been paid for another year.

HD had contacted Bargus saying we did not require their services anymore but SW said the website had still been there at the end of August. AG will contact Bargus.

1. Thematic Networking in Rabka

DH said the visit had gone very well. They were met at Krakow and stayed in a new hotel with good accommodation and food. The Conference was well set up and all the speakers were good and to the point and the translations had worked well. DH will do a report on the visit.

There had been plenty of time to look around Rabka which has received a lot of state and European funding and everybody in the hotel joined in together at the events although the Poles find it more difficult because the language is a problem and although it had been hard work over the two years it had been a good ending to the Thematic Networking.

If it was happen again then the money would be spent slightly differently with translations being the biggest cost this time. The final reports will now be written and any money will come back to the Town Council in March/April. Because of the exchange rate we may have more back than we thought and if other towns have a shortfall we could offer some to them and if they don't want it the Town Council can hold it for the Twinning Association and we can use it for the Frome Quadripartite in 2019. SW also mentioned contributions towards flight costs for those who went to Rabka. AG thanked DH for all his hard work and organisation over the two years.

SW said Harry and the two German girls who are taking part in the Films4Europe project had come from Murrhardt and held workshops in Rabka. They presented a film made in Murrhardt which had been well received and the Polish film would be ready by Christmas. It was suggested that Harry be invited to the AGM to present the film and talk about his experiences and also to present it to FTC.

1. Quadripartite in Rabka in 2017

The date was to be 15th to 18th July but AG had received an email saying it was now 1st to 6th June but AG will clarify this as that is 5 nights and it is normally only 4 and also how many visitors they are expecting from Frome including adults and young people and then he will email members with the information.

1. Past and Future Events

Saturday 3rd September Late Summer Walk

Eleven people enjoyed a walk from Rode around Tellisford and they were joined by another eight people for lunch at The Cross Keys in Rode for a very good meal. Thank you to Justin and Sue for organising the event.

**Saturday 12th November Themed Meal and Quiz at Trinity Hall**

Starter: German - pea soup with or without frankfurters

Main: Polish dish to be discussed with Anna

Sweet: French - mousse au chocolat or tarte tatin

Alan Somerville will organise the mini quiz in between courses and there will be prizes for each round and JS will organise the raffle.

JW will send out a reminder to all members, hosts from Thematic weekend last March and Town Councillors who have been on trips with all the details including bringing your own drink and that you do not need to be a TA member to come. Replies to JW.

AG will contact Trinity Hall re sound system.

**Saturday 14th January -** Fish and Chip Supper and Quiz run by HD

1. Newsletter

JS will send out a newsletter with reminder of Themed Meal, new website address and DH will do a report on the Rabka trip.

1. AOB

 SW said Anna was now doing most of the website and she would like to start a

 facebook page in the future.

 SW asked for Child Protection to be on the Agenda for the next meeting and it will now

 be called Safeguarding and it will cover vulnerable adults as well as young people.

 SW said Frome Voices were hoping to put on a musical event in 2018 to celebrate the

 end of the First World War and hoping our three twin towns will be involved

 DH said 2 or 3 members of Murrhardt carnival committee would like to come and talk

 to Frome carnival committee and maybe take part in our procession and we would host

 them

 DH said during the Thematic event Stina Falle a Mendip District Councillor had done

 several drawings and these would be available to TA and the other towns.

 Patrick Moss had asked for a contribution for Sara Vian, a Frome singer/songwriter to

 go to CG for a charity concert in September but it had been agreed the TA would not

 contribute but she went and it was successful.

 DH reported that a Polish news crew had been in Frome and they had interviewed

 Damon, Anna and Paul Wynne as well as visiting a school and Polish businesses. The

 film has been shown in Rabka but Frome looked good and Anna was very positive

 about living in Frome.

 EW said she was meeting a possible new member to tell her about twinning. PO will

 give her an information pack.

 AG will order the twinning wreath for Remembrance Sunday and he will lay it .

1. Date of next meeting

 The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 22nd November at 1.30pm at Glen House.

 AG thanked Justin and Sue for holding the meeting