

LUDLOW FRENCH TWINNING ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 25 MARCH 2021 (on Zoom)

Present: Sylvia Duffy, Philip Adams, Shirley and Martin Davies, Grace and Richard Wilkins, David Chapman, Dave Mulliner, John and Sheila French, Pauline and Garry Oram, Lauren and George Hough, Oliver Prouse, Andy and Ann Mulford, Deborah and David Rackham, Phil Horsfall

Apologies: Kim Holroyd, Julie Waring, Jennifer Gillespie, David Jackman, Adrian and Sheila Copley, Carola Morrison

Minutes of the last AGM 2019

These were approved and there were no matters arising. Sylvia apologised for the lack of an AGM last year due to Covid.

Chair's report

Sylvia gave a brief summary of our last successful visit to France, including the Normandy beaches and Fougères. Mention was also made of the picnic in Ashford Carbonel, the race night, the Xmas meal in Craven Arms, and the film nights, to be recommenced when Covid restrictions allow. There may be some summer outdoor event this year, again all necessarily vague at this stage.

Finance

Garry made the point that our finances are not much changed from last year due to enforced inactivity, but that we are in a good place financially. He stressed that there would be no subscription charges for existing members this year.

Membership

Pauline said that 2 people had left the association and 2 new members joined. In total there were 37 family groups (58 adults and 6 under 18s). 31 French people had expressed an interest in coming before Covid struck, and it was stressed that although accommodation had been largely worked out, no previous offers could be binding in the light of new circumstances. Sylvia also mentioned that French was no longer taught at Ludlow School, so that was one link lost to the association.

Committee membership

Sylvia thanked those people standing down from the committee (John and Sheila French, Pamela Thompson and Ros Roberts), and those such as Dave Mulliner who continued to offer advice and support in a co-opted way. David Chapman thanked Sylvia for her work as chair in these difficult times.

As there were no nominations for chair, Sylvia offered to stand again for one year as the "continuity" candidate in this time of change.

Phil Horsfall was elected secretary nem con.

Grace Wilkins was elected accommodation officer nem con.

Oli Prouse was elected family and schools link officer nem con.

Andy Mulford was elected social events organiser nem con.

ACTION

Grace to work with Pauline on the accommodation issues when exact dates and numbers of French visitors become clear.

AOB

There was a reminder of the Twinning Zoom quiz on April 8 at 7.30. It was suggested that people in LFM could be invited to join in too.

ACTION

Sylvia to contact our French partners with details of the forthcoming Zoom quiz.

Sylvia closed the meeting at 8.15 with renewed thanks to everyone for their continued help and support.