

Prudhoe Town Twinning Association Meeting

Monday 16th July 2018, 8pm, St Matthew's Hall

Present: Derek Gillespie, Shona Gillespie, Jane Johnson, Peter and Carol Black, Nino Tomczuk.

Apologies: Eric and Jeanne Robertson, Dave and Gillian Vause, Judy McCreedy, Jimmy Kemp.

1) Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read.

2) Matters Arising

Jazz weekend was very successful. A great time was had by all. Ticket for the Saturday evening sold well and the weekend looks to have broken even.

Welcome to Peter and Carol Black who found out about twinning by attending the jazz weekend.

We have gratefully received the town council grant for 2018 of £250.

3) USJM

Shona received an email approximately 3 months ago regarding the USJM visit, she replied proposing that they come over to coincide with the October planning weekend visit. However, we have heard nothing back to date. Shona will send another email to follow up on this as to who is coming from the USJM, Council and Twinning.

Potential activities for the visit would be dependant on numbers and flights but suggestions were made as:

Saturday: parkrun -visit or participation, demonstrations by sports clubs, meetings between clubs. Saturday evening could think about having a social and inviting the Rob Hindhaugh band to play (if available), could consider having this as a fundraiser, charging £2 entry but no pie and peas.

Sunday: Town twinning meeting followed by lunch all together.

For hosting it would be good to involve the sports clubs in hosting guests.

4) AOB

We received an invite to attend the walking week in Schmeltz, however this was received very late, therefore unfortunately there was no time to inform anyone who may have wanted to go over.

We also received a very late invite from Mitry to attend the opening of their new concert hall/music venue. Unfortunately nobody was able to go across.

We have, as usual, been invited to go over for the Christmas market. This will be a weekend at the beginning of December, however dates are still to be confirmed. Shona will email Sylvie to ask for an update. The Gillespie's (Derek, Jane and Shona) are happy to go over.

Next meeting will be 17th September, 8pm, St Matthew's Hall

Meeting ended 8.35pm