

**Prudhoe Town Twinning Association Meeting**

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2018, 8pm, St Matthew's Hall**

**Present:** Derek Gillespie, Shona Gillespie, Jane Johnson, Nino Tomczuk, Gillian Vause, Dave Vause, Judy McCreedy.

**Apologies:** Mike and Marion Cassidy, Eric and Jeanne Robertson,

**1) Minutes of the last meeting**

Minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read.

**2) Matters Arising**

The poster for the AGM was put up in Waterworld, however associations are no longer able to display posters in the Spetchells Centre, but the poster was added to the file they keep that is available for members of the public to consult.

It was suggested that posters may be able to be displayed in the Parish Hall and the Coop.

**3) Jazz Weekend**

Tickets are available for the Saturday evening. All are numbered to allow for the door entry prize and there will also be a raffle, therefore prizes will be gratefully accepted.

Itinerary:

Friday:

As detailed at the previous meeting, Derek, Eric and Jeanne will collect from the airport and guests will be looked after at the Robertson's during the day. Derek will confirm with Eric what time hosts should pick up guests and also what time the musician need to be at the Hearth.

A supper will be provided by the Hearth for musicians at an approx. cost of £4.50 plus a drink which will be paid for by the Twinning.

Saturday:

A visit on the Saturday was discussed at the meeting, although Eric thought that timings would mean that a visit might not be possible, members at the meeting felt that it would still be possible to do a short visit to Newcastle which could include a trip to the Discovery museum and lunch in a café for those who want to come.

A light supper will need to be provided by hosts prior to the evening event. Musicians will need to be at the Tory club by 5.30pm.

Sunday:

Free morning with hosts, lunch at the Bowl's pavilion from 12pm. Judy kindly offered to organise getting sandwiches, cakes, quiche etc. from Morrisons. Could any additional Town Twinning members please confirm if they will be joining us for lunch.

There are several people available who will be able to provide transport to the airport.

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**4) USJM**

Following the last meeting, Shona emailed Sylvie asking for confirmation of dates and numbers of participants. Sylvie replied to say that the sports clubs were having a meeting and could she have a provisional programme for the weekend. Shona outlined that the programme would likely consist of a meeting between sports clubs, a tourist visit somewhere locally, a visit to the town's sports clubs/facilities and potentially if anyone was interested we could probably incorporate participation in parkrun. No reply has yet been received from Mitry, Shona sent an additional email a few days ago asking for confirmation of dates, but as yet no response.

It was discussed that as March is rapidly approaching, if nothing is heard with a week, then we will unfortunately not be able to host the event in March as it will be too short notice to arrange participation from our sports clubs. It was suggested that if this is the case, we could postpone until October. Shona will send an email to this effect to Sylvie.

It is believed that there is now Handball being played at the middle school, therefore it would be nice to get them involved if they would be interested.

**5) AOB**

Derek has spoken to Gayle Crowell and the Gymnastics event in Mitry went very well. Though it is felt that the event is now getting too big and international. Gayle has suggested that the club would prefer to do smaller visits that just involve both towns.

We have been successful in our application for a town council grant of £250 towards projects this year. Thanks again to the council for continue support.

The meeting ended at 9.05pm. The date of the next meeting is to be confirmed and will be dependant on the USJM visit.