



Le Quesnoy Sister City Committee Minutes

Time: 4.30pm
Date: Tuesday 18 April 2017
Venue: Committee Room, Cambridge Service Centre
Waipa District Council
23 Wilson Street, Cambridge

1 PRESENT

As Chairperson Mike Pettit was away, the Secretary called for nominations for a Chairperson.

Committee Member Storey **moved** and Committee Member Farrell **seconded** Julie Epps to be Chairperson. There were no further nominations and Julie Epps assumed the Chair.

Julie Epps

John Bishop, Julie Epps, Sue Milner, (Cambridge Community Board); Toni Eames, Delysse Storey, Miriam Farrell, Brian Farrell, Bill Brocklebank, Linda Robinson (Alliance Francaise de Hamilton), Sebastien Lemercier, Steve Tritt, Grant Middlemiss, Paul Murphy (Cambridge Brass Band), Graeme Colquhoun

In attendance

Governance Support Senior - C Shaw

2 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED

That the apologies from Mike Pettit, Sue and Tom Pickering, Elwyn Andree-Wiltens and Philip Coles for non-attendance, be received.

Epps/Murphy

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

File: 180-06-05/3

Minutes of the Meeting held 13 February 2017 were included in the agenda

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held 13 February 2017, as circulated with the agenda, be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

Bishop/Milner

Matters Arising





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3.1 Film – Liberation of Le Quesnoy

Julie Epps would enquire with her contact regarding whether this film was still going ahead and whether the Committee was required to keep this matter on the agenda.

3.2 Bookmarks – Thanks

The meeting expressed a huge thank you to Member Toni Eames who had provided bookmarks for each of the Delegation members.

4 INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE / INFORMATION

4.1 Application for Membership from Sean Andrews was included in the agenda

Members of the Committee received with interest the application for Membership from Sean Andrews and asked the Secretary to seek more information on his family.

RESOLVED

That the application for membership of the Cambridge Le Quesnoy Friendship Association be received.

Epps/Milner

5 LE QUESNOY NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION – VISIT TO CAMBRIDGE, 17 – 20 FEBRUARY 2017

A general debrief of the Delegation's visit was held. All in all it was a great visit on the whole things went well.

Some general feedback included:

- The organisation of the events need to be tighter – perhaps a smaller sub-committee be formed to provide the overall organisation
- Some protocol needs to be addressed in advance
- The letters from the School children to the delegation members was a hit and maybe a little education for the children could be included. Such a great thing to do at short notice.
- Sunday was too busy and it was agreed that we tried to fit too much in
- Translation doubles the time at events – need to take that into consideration
- More thought needs to be given to those invited to the formal and informal events
- No recognition of the involvement with Le Quesnoy for the Armistice Committee and something we should not overlook in the future
- Next visit should see a wreath laid at the sculpture in the Oak Arboretum

6 GENERAL

6.1 Bastille Day





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Members were aware that it would soon be Bastille Day and the Chairperson called for suggestions of how this day could be celebrated.

Suggestions included – Lamb on a Spit in the Square (Marie Antoinette); Bonjour Bastille, and a Progressive Dinner.

Paul Murphy said the Band were practicing medieval music for a French Court Concert in June and if it was considered a good idea, some dancing people could be contacted and it could form the basis for a Medieval concert.

It was agreed that the suggestion of forming a sub-committee be implemented for this organisation.

RESOLVED

That Paul Murphy, Sebastien Lemercier, Bill Brocklebank, Julie Epps, Grant Middlemiss and a member from the Chamber of Commerce form the sub-committee to organise events to celebrate Bastille Day.

Bishop/Farrell

6.2 Le Quesnoy Brochure

The Committee discussed having the Le Quesnoy brochure printed professionally in French as well as English to have on hand at the i-site and offices.

7 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday 19 June 2017**.

Thereafter, meetings will occur as follows with significant dates included for your information –

Meetings

21 August 2017

9 October 2017

4 December 2017

Significant Dates

Bastille Day

Friday, 14 July 2017

Anniversary of the Liberation of Le Quesnoy

Saturday, 4 November 2017

Commemorative Service for Armistice on Remembrance Sunday

Sunday, 12 November 2017

There being no further business the meeting closed at 5.37pm

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

CHAIRPERSON: _____

