

## **TWINNING SUB-COMMITTEE**

Report of the Twinning Sub Committee Meeting held at the Fleur-de-Lys Meeting Rooms on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2005 at 2.30 p.m.

Prior to commencement of the formal business of the meeting a period of not more than 15 minutes had been assigned for the purpose of permitting Members of the Public present to address the Sub Committee, or ask questions (on matters relevant to the responsibilities under the direction of this Sub-Committee) at the invitation and discretion of the presiding Chairman.

None were presented.

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3/9 **PRESENT:** Councillors: Mrs. S. J. Bentley, W. A. Bentley, R. E. C. Burnett, J. Glover, Mrs. S. E. Henstock and Mrs E. Jones (Town Clerk)

Shelagh Powell and Alex Bolland - East Sussex County Council Europe Department

### 10 **Apologies for Absence**

None were received.

### 11 **Declarations of Interest**

None were received.

### 12 **Confirmation of Previous Minutes**

It was agreed to defer the confirmation of the minutes dated 26<sup>th</sup> January 2005 to the next meeting due to the short amount of time between the meetings.

### 13 **European Funding and Joint Projects with Naxxar, Malta**

Councillor W. Bentley advised it is likely there will be a visit from Naxxar in August. He asked for appropriate advice in ensuring a successful application, Shelagh Powell advised the application is made through the Local Government International Bureau. The Committee were informed Intereg III A is only cross border not interregional, there are two other Intereg programmes which cover countries further afield. Shelagh Powell advised she will need to revisit the application form and suggested the Committee consider which projects they wish to pursue before applying for funding.

The Committee agreed to investigate the possibility of electronic newspapers which could be used to allow communication between Twinning partners, and their partners, at all levels and ages within the community. Members discussed the difficulties regarding the social aspects of twinning with a country further away and it was proposed to organise a small project such as a video or telephone link with the Maltese. Members supported the idea of creating a piece of music to celebrate the twinning and also the possibility of advising the Maltese on the establishment of a youth project in Naxxar.

The Committee discussed secondary partners such as Remshalden near Stuttgart in Germany and Shelagh Powell advised secondary partners can be used in the bidding for Intereg.

Members discussed an engineering based commercial link and considered this could promote employment for the town. It was agreed to investigate the possibility of exchange visits between companies. Shelagh Powell advised there is a limit to the amount of public funding that can be given.

The Committee discussed applying for a Partnership Research Form. Alex Bolland advised the

deadline for this is June, however she advised it was unlikely funds will be available after June but stated Micro Projects are being investigated in which there may be a smaller amount of funding available.

A. Bolland stated she will advise of the Microproject Plan and she should have this information by the end of the month.

#### **Proposed Visit by Representatives of Naxxar Council, Malta in 2005**

- 14 The Committee considered the dates for issue of invitation to Naxxar Council and agreed to organise an invitation to the Maltese and also investigate the possibility of the Maltese having a stand/exhibition at Michelham Priory's Craft Fair.

A schedule of meetings and activities to be undertaken during the visit was discussed and it was agreed to consider visits to the Youth Café, Age Concern Centre, Trampoline Club, Wealden Brass and Hailsham Pavilion.

#### **Co-option of Sub Committee Members**

- 15 **RESOLVED** to recommend that Councillor Mrs S. Edmonds and Youth Council Co-ordinator Andy Joyes be co-opted to the Sub Committee.

#### **Future Action**

- 16 Members agreed the forms must be submitted as soon as possible and agreed to invite a representative from Gournay en Bray when the Maltese are visiting.

#### **Date of the next meeting**

- 17 There being no other business, the meeting closed at 4.00pm. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2005 at 17.00h.

**CHAIRMAN**

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