

TWINNING SUB-COMMITTEE

Report of the Twinning Sub-Committee Meeting held at the Fleur-de-Lys Meeting Rooms on Wednesday 26th January 2005 at 6.30 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 presented.

Twin/04/3/1 **PRESENT:** Cllrs: Mrs. S.J. Bentley, W.A. Bentley, R.E.C. Burnett, J. Glover, Mrs. S.E. Henstock, and Mrs. E. Jones (Town Clerk)

2 Apologies for Absence: None – all members present

3 Declarations of Interest: None received

4 **Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman**

4.1 **RESOLVED** that Councillor W. Bentley be elected as Chairman.

Proposer – Councillor Mrs. S.J. Bentley, Seconder – Councillor R. Burnett; all in favour.

4.2 **RESOLVED** that Councillor J. Glover be elected as Vice Chairman.

Proposer – Councillor W. Bentley, Seconder – Councillor Mrs. S. J. Bentley; all in favour.

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

5.1 Application for Funding - The Clerk advised that she had consulted the Town Clerk of Naxxar in respect of dates when representatives might be available to visit Hailsham. Naxxar would prefer to visit in the period August/September, excluding their festival week, which is 1st to 8th September. The deadline for a grant submission for this period is 1st April 2005, and can only be made by the host municipality or by its twinning committee.

The Chairman proposed that,

- (a) an invitation is issued to the County Council's Europe Office for an officer to attend the next meeting of this Sub-Committee to assist with making a successful application and to advise on projects likely to be acceptable for EU funding, and
- (b) a memo be sent to all Council members asking for ideas for suggested projects with our existing and proposed twinning partners.

5.2 Members agreed with the suggestion and the Town Clerk was asked to make the necessary arrangements.

6. Suggestions for Visit Itinerary - It was suggested that as ESCC has already established considerable links with Malta and Naxxar, the Chairman of ESCC may be willing to host a reception at Westfield House in Lewes, to welcome the representatives. Councillor Bentley will approach the Chairman in this respect.

Other suggestions included Brighton Pavilion and Lanes, Michelham Priory, brass band concert, informal meeting with the Twinning Association/Gournay en Bray, sports event, and a final formal dinner on the final evening.

7. **Future Funding Requirements**

It was agreed that this could not be assessed until the level of grant funding and proposed expenditure for entertainment and hosting etc. are known.

8. **Date of next Meeting**

To be notified when arrangements with the ESCC officers had been made.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.07 p.m.

