

PETERLEE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TWINNING

SUB COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER

SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE

ON TUESDAY 26TH FEBRUARY 2009

PRESENT: W M JEFFREY (CHAIR)

Messrs: R Curtis, J Alvey,
T Jones

Mesdame: J I Measor

Twinning Representatives: Mr W Davies,
Mr G Stokoe, L Measor and R Emmerson

MEMBERS WERE REMINDED OF THE NEED TO DISCLOSE ANY INTEREST PREJUDICIAL OR PERSONAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT.

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

Councillor W M Jeffrey was appointed Chairman of the Sub Committee.

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Councillor R Curtis was appointed Vice Chairman of the Sub Committee.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor C J Metcalfe.

4. THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were agreed.

5. TWINNING LIAISON OFFICER'S PROGRESS REPORT

A copy of the Liaison Officer's Report had been circulated to each Member. This meeting had, however, been called at short notice and the representatives of the Twinning Association asked if they could have a meeting to discuss the content themselves and make observations to the next meeting.

The Liaison Officer explained that the meeting had been called to deal with a specific issue i.e. the request from Nordenham to attend an Elizabethan Banquet. The date identified for the event was 5th July 2009. Although Lumley Castle did not have a public event that evening, they were prepared to provide a private function, subject to a minimum of 50 persons attending. It was understood all 37 German visitors were keen to attend, and the Liaison Officer felt that she would have no problems getting another 13 names. It was noted that the German visitors had been advised this was a private function and the cost would be £34.00 per head.

RECOMMENDED that the Liaison Officer be given authority as follows:-

- a) **To book the Elizabethan Evening at Lumley Castle (for a minimum of 50 places) on Sunday, 5th July, 2009.**
- b) **To book the visit to the Forbidden Corner, Leyburn.**
- c) **To include within the trip to Durham a visit to Frankland Prison.**

FURTHER RECOMMENDED that Council finance the cost of 1 game of ten pin bowls for those aged under 18 years and the Mayor hold an event to assist the Twinning Association financially.