

TOWN TWINNING NETWORK

WEDNESDAY, 6 JUNE 2018

PRESENT:- Councillor Kevin Small, Councillor Junab Ali and Councillor Kevin Parry

Apologies for absence were received from Cristina Bennett (Swindon Ocotal Link Association)

1. Appointment of Chair

Resolved – That Councillor Kevin Small be appointed Chair of the Town Twinning Network for the Municipal Year 2018/19.
(Councillor Small hereupon took the Chair)

2. Appointment of Vice-Chair

Resolved – That Cristina Bennett be appointed Vice-Chair of the Town Twinning Network for the Municipal Year 2018//19.

3. Declarations of Interest

The Chair reminded members to declare any known interests in any of the matters to be discussed at the meeting. No such declarations were made.

4. Public Question Time

There were no public questions.

5. Minutes

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting held on 25th April 2018 be accepted as a correct record.

6. Future of Town Twinning

The Director of Law and Democratic Services submitted a report concerning the future role of the Town Twinning Network and whether the Council intends to continue to develop friendship links including the development of a statement about the role and benefits of a friendship link.

Resolved – That the Town Twinning Network:

- (1) Notes the report
- (2) Confirms there are values in maintaining support for friendship link
- (3) Continues to support town twinning activities, such as promotional and marketing activities, through the use of existing Council resources, and with engagement with young people.
- (4) Take no further steps with regard to the friendship link with Chattanooga USA
- (5) Seeks clarification from Cabinet if a friendship link with Mauritius should be pursued.

7.

Swindon City of Sanctuary Meeting

The Director of Law and Democratic Services submitted a report concerning what questions to pose and who to invite to the special meeting to be held in July with the Swindon City of Sanctuary.

Resolved – (1) That the special meeting with the City of Sanctuary be held on the 31st July 2018.

(2) That the 3 political groups be asked what questions to ask and who to invite to the special meeting of the Network to be held on the 31st July 2018.

8.

Reports from Town Twinning Associations and Links

The Network received a report of the Director of Law and Democratic Services inviting the representatives of the Town Twinning Associations and Links present at the meeting to provide updates on twinning activities undertaken since the last meeting.

The Chair advised that representatives from Salzgitter were visiting the Borough between the 20-25th July 2018.