

TOWN TWINNING NETWORK

WEDNESDAY, 2 OCTOBER 2019

PRESENT:- Councillors Kevin Small (Chair), Junab Ali, Brian Mattock, Councillor Kevin Parry, Rahul Tarar and Imtiyaz Shaikh.

Apologies for absence were received from Christine Tipper.

9. Declarations of Interest

The Chair reminded Members of the need to declare any known interests in any matters to be considered at the meeting. No declarations were made.

10. Public Question Time

No public questions were received during the meeting.

11. Minutes

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting held on 12th June 2019, be accepted as a correct record.

12. City of Sanctuary Update

There was no update for consideration.

13. Friendship Links

It was reported that a copy of a friendship link constitution had been forwarded to the Mauritius Friendship Association for their information.

An amended letter had also be forwarded to the Mayor of Mauritius following a request received from Nazma Ramruttun.

14. Reports from Town Twinning Associations and Links

Discussions had been held with Swindon Town Football Community regarding the possibility of some youth team players joining the trip to Salzgitter in the new year. Discussions were also being undertaken to see if Salzgitter could also arrange opponents for two under 13 girls' football teams. Work was also progressing on obtaining prices for the hire of a coach for the visit and liaison was on-going regarding accommodation for the group who would be guests of the city for the week long trip. The Worshipful The Mayor and Chair of the Network were hoping to join the party for the trip and it was hopeful that this trip would increase youth participation in twinning between the two towns (as had been the case in the past).

Discussions had been held with Councillor Curtis, Chair of Covingham Parish Council, regarding the possibility of naming a commemorative item after Rita Heyes, in recognition of her work in establishing the Swindon Ocotal Link Association, although further research was required to ascertain whether she had indeed been a

resident of that Parish.

That the Woughton and Highworth Twinning Links be invited to attend the next meeting of the Network to make a presentation on their work.