

## **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 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

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### **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 31<sup>st</sup> July 2018.

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### **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 20-25<sup>th</sup> July 2018.