

## **TOWN TWINNING NETWORK**

**WEDNESDAY, 14 DECEMBER 2016**

PRESENT:- Councillor Kevin Small (Chair), Councillor Junab Ali, Councillor Claire Ellis and Councillor Caryl Sydney-Smith

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Oliver Donachie and Derique Montaut, Cristina Bennett, Mike Ide, Hassan Nur, Cecilia Olley, Richard Pearce, Nazma Ramruttun and Mark Sarnowski.

### **11. 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.

### **12. Public Question Time**

No public questions were received during the meeting.

### **13. Minutes**

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2016, be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

### **14. Reports from Town Twinning Associations and Links**

The Network considered and noted a report of the Director of Law and Democratic Services listing the Town Twinning Associations and Links in and around Swindon.

There were no representatives from the Town Twinning Associations and Links present at the meeting and therefore no update reports were received.

The Chair highlighted a concern about the recent non-attendance of the Twinning Associations for Wroughton and Highworth. He asked if the Associations could be contacted to determine the reasons for their non-attendance and encourage them to attend future meetings.

The Chair referred to the closure of the Swindon Salzgitter Twinning Association earlier this year and asked for a report to a future meeting highlighting the difficulties they had experienced and whether there was any prospect that the Association might be re-established.

Resolved – (1) That the Director of Law and Democratic Services contact the Wroughton – St. Germain Les Corbeil Twinning Association and the Highworth Twinning Association to determine the reasons for their non-attendance at Town Twinning Network meetings and encourage them to attend future meetings.

(2) That the Director of Law and Democratic Services prepare a report on the difficulties experienced by the Swindon Salzgitter Twinning Association prior to its closure and on the prospects of the Association being re-established at some point in the future.

