

# Swindon Borough Council

## Town Twinning Network

**Wednesday, 29 September 2010**

Committee Room 1, Civic Offices, Swindon (Anticipated meeting room)

**At 6.00 p.m.**

**Conservative  
Councillors**

Doreen Dart  
Raymond Fisher  
Peter Mallinson  
Eric Shaw

**Labour  
Councillors**

Kevin Small

**Liberal Democrat  
Councillors**

Stan Pajak

Derrick Gustafson

John Hamilton, Swindon Salzgitter Twinning Association

Mr D Ainscough, Lydiards - Tessy sur Vire Twinning Association

Mr Bruce Clarke, Swindon Ocotal Link

Mike Ide, Wroughton - St Germain les Corbeil Twinning Association

Andy Lane, Chattanooga, USA

John Mayell, Swindon Ocotal Link

Jane Sullivan, Lechlade Twinning Association

David Martin - Geminid

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## **AGENDA**

**1. Apologies for Absence**

**2. Declarations of Interest**

Members are reminded that at the start of the meeting they should declare any known interests in any matter to be considered, and also during the meeting if it becomes apparent that they have an interest in the matters being discussed.

**3. Public Question Time**

See explanatory note below. Please phone the Committee Officer whose name and number appears at the top of this agenda if you need further guidance.

**4. Minutes (Pages 1 - 8)**

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2010.

**5. Role of the Town Twinning Network in supporting Twinning and Friendship Links in and around Swindon** (Pages 9 - 18)

This report includes a submission from Bruce Clarke on establishing an autonomous International Linking group (see Appendix 1 to the report).

Bill Cotton (Director of Economic Development, Forward Swindon) will also attend this meeting to discuss ideas about developing potential economic links with the twin towns and friendship links.

**6. Reports from Town Twinning Associations and Links** (Pages 19 - 20)

**7. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Town Twinning Network will be held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2010 at 6pm.

**Date of Despatch:** 17 September 2010

**Public Question Time** - Swindon Borough Council is committed to increasing its accountability to the public and to promoting active citizenship. Up to 15 minutes will be allowed at the start of all Council meetings for questions to the Chair from members of the public about the work of the Committee (except for confidential matters and specific planning applications). Questions must be relevant, clear and concise. Because of time constraints Public Question Time is not an opportunity to make speeches or statements. Prior notice of a question to the Director of Law and Democratic Services is desirable - particularly if detailed background information is needed.

**Access Arrangements** – The Venue is wheelchair accessible and an infrared receiver hearing system is provided. If you would wish to attend the meeting but have any special requirement to enable you to do so please contact the Committee Clerk above, as soon as possible prior to the date of the meeting.

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**Town Twinning Network - Terms of Reference**

The Town Twinning Network seeks to promote co-ordination and co-operation in the development of Twinning Links with the Twin Towns of Swindon (currently Salzgitter and Ocotal) and other existing Twinning Links with towns in the Borough. It will also encourage the development of other international friendship links between the people of the Borough of Swindon and communities in other countries.

The Town Twinning Network will act as a co-ordinating body for interested groups and individuals seeking to promote twinning links with the Twin Towns of Swindon (currently Salzgitter and Ocotal).

The Town Twinning Network will seek to co-ordinate fund raising and publicity in relation to Town Twinning but will not itself undertake these activities.

The Town Twinning Network will seek to encourage the development of international

friendship links and commercial links between the people of Swindon and communities in other countries by the provision of a forum for discussion and the exchange of information.

The Town Twinning Network will receive and consider applications for Town Twinning grants and make recommendations to the Council.

The Town Twinning Network shall not hold funds or enter into any financial transactions.