

Minutes of the Meeting of the
Whitworth Town Twinning Committee
21st January 2025

Chair: Helen Rendall (from agenda point 1)

Secretary: Rachel Hodson (Town Clerk) (from agenda point 4)

Attendance: Cllr Tom Aldred, Valerie Sanderson, Nicola Chippendale, Cllr Alan Neal, Janet Neal, Doreen Hitchin, Anne Tattersall, Roger Tattersall, Steve Mitchell

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Megan Chippendale and Cllr Gareth Baron.

1) APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

Helen Rendall reported that the current chair, Jim Mellor, had indicated previously that he wished to retire as Chair and she thanked him in his absence for his long dedication to Town Twinning. Helen indicated that she would be willing to become Chair, if committee were in agreement. It was resolved that Helen Rendall be appointed Chair of the Whitworth Town Twinning Committee. This was moved by Cllr Alan Neal and seconded by Valerie Sanderson.

2) APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR

It was resolved that Nicola Chippendale be appointed Vice Chair of the Whitworth Town Twinning Committee. This was moved by Cllr Alan Neal and seconded by Valerie Sanderson.

3) APPOINTMENT OF TREASURER

Roger Tattersall informed members that he had been secretary/treasurer for a long time and that he no longer wished to continue in this role. The committee thanked Roger for all his hard work in this role. It was resolved that Steve Mitchell be appointed treasurer of the Whitworth Town Twinning Committee. This was moved by Janet Neal and seconded by Nicola Chippendale.

4) APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY

A discussion was had between members regarding this role. Helen informed members that Al could be used for taking minutes and that this could be trialled at future meetings. It was resolved that the Town Clerk would temporarily be appointed Secretary of the Whitworth Town Twinning Committee until a member of the Committee is able to take on the role. This was moved by Janet Neal and seconded by Nicola Chippendale.

5) TOWN TWINNING ARRANGEMENTS MOVING FORWARD, FUNDRAISING EVENTS.

Helen advised members to read through the current constitution and that at the next meeting, all members thoughts regarding a new constitution will be discussed. Involving other community groups in Town Twinning activities was also considered, including Whitworth Swimming Club and

fundraising was discussed, including the band concert on 27th April. Utilising community noticeboards, social media, the Town Council website and the Whitworth Valley News were also discussed.

Actions:

- 1) **Members will read the current constitution and feedback their thoughts at the next meeting.**
- 2) **Helen will contact Whitworth Band regarding the planned fundraiser in April which the committee still plan to hold.**
- 3) **Members will contact previous members of Town Twinning and ask for their input going forward.**
- 4) **The Town Twinning Committee will report back at a future meeting of Whitworth Town Council.**

Next Meeting: Tuesday 4th February 2025 at 7pm.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.15pm