



The menus were discussed and it was decided that fish had to be available due to the religious beliefs of the visitors and several amendments were requested to go back to the caterers.

It was suggested that as this was a civic event that the hire of hall and staff costs should be free. To be put forward as a recommendation at Full Council.

A discussion followed on whether the regalia should be on display during the visit and where this should happen.

The Mayor should attend the civic Reception in robe with sword.

Proposed Cllr Kybird 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Skull RESOLVED

As part of the visit there is a proposal to plant a "Fluid Amber Slim silhouette" tree of friendship on the other side of the road from the FEPOW tree at Nuns Bridges. A discussion followed as to suitable species and location.

Cllr Lamb requested that the planting of a Black Poplar instead be investigated and it was recommended that the species planted would be on the advice of the tree officer.

Plant the friendship tree opposite the FEPOW tree at Nuns Bridges.

Proposed Cllr Kybird 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Canham RESOLVED 4 For 1 Against

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#### REPORT FROM TWINNING ASSOCIATION

It was reported BY Graham Sigley that this visit timetable was still work in progress and that they had recently received a request to set up links with a local school ages 6-12 year olds for electronic pen pals as a legacy of the visit.

They also wished to do a formal presentation to explain their friendship projects such as their 650<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

The proposed visit timetable was presented as follows:

Thursday

AM arrival. PM visit to whiskey distillery followed by Thetford Music Project at bishops School. A group meal in evening.

Friday

Spending day in Bury, including Cathedral tour and midday recital. Free time in the afternoon followed by Teenage History Club (Ancient House) 16:45-18:00 followed by civic reception in Guildhall.

Saturday

In and around Thetford

Sunday

London Trip 08:00 pick up drop off 19:00

Monday

Currently scheduled to be a day out on the Norfolk coast with fish and chip lunch visiting several tourist attractions. However could this be

changed to tree planting, school visit, Regalia display in Kings House and their presentation at 15:15 in a local school.

Chairman recommended speaking to Adrian Ball at Thetford Academy as he is keen to be involved and could perhaps host the presentation.

Cllr Lamb put forward Thetford Grammar as a location due to its history and antiquity.

Cllr Canham Suggested that all school receive an invite to the presentation.

Chairman to speak to Adrian Ball and introduce Graham Sigley to him.

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**ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS**

Committee discussed several options for gifts both for the visit and for forthcoming events. PPPCO to speak to Langham glass for this visit to investigate replica medieval seals for future gifts.

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**PRESS RELEASES**

Twinning Association to lead on any press releases in consultation with Thetford Town Council

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**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting will be arranged following the Civic visit to Spijenissee date TBC

Chairman:

<b>ACTION POINT</b>	<b>BY WHOM</b>	<b>BY WHEN</b>
To investigate a suitable civic gift to present to guests/visitors of Thetford Town Council.	PPPCO	15/09/2014
To liaise with Tree Officer to establish most suitable tree to plant	PPPCO	15/09/2014