

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CIVIC LINKS COMMITTEE  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, KING'S HOUSE, THETFORD,  
ON MONDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY 2015 AT 10.00 a.m.

Present  
The Mayor Councillor Mrs S J Armes

Councillors:

Mrs B J Canham  
T J Lamb

R G Kybird

Officers in attendance:

Tina Cunnell            PPP&C  
Chris Crimmen        Committee Secretary

Also present:

From the Twinning Association  
Janet Smith-Gibbons Chairman  
Margaret Ince Secretary

Minutes

The Chairman welcomed Janet Smith-Gibbons, the new Chair of  
The Twinning Association and Margaret Ince, the new Secretary.

- 1039/14        DECLARATIONS OF ANY DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS  
None.
- 1040/14        APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE  
Apologies were received from B J Skull.
- 1041/14        MINUTES  
Resolved the minutes of the Committee's meeting, held on  
10<sup>th</sup> September 2014, as received by Full Council on 30<sup>th</sup> September  
2014, be confirmed as a true record and signed/initialled by the  
Chairman.
- 1042/14        VISIT FROM SKAWINA REPORT  
The Mayor reported this was a very successful visit and our guest  
attended the following visits and functions:.
- To Bury St Edmunds
  - The whiskey distillery
  - The teenage history club at the Ancient House Museum
  - Thetford Academy
  - Meal at Weatherspoon's
  - Civic Reception
  - Barn dance at the Guildhall
  - A tree was planted by the Deputy mayor of Skawina
- 1043/14        EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR CIVIC GUESTS FROM SKAWINA  
The expenditure incurred by Civic Guests as a result of the full visit  
programme amounted to £1,432.44 which included £272.19 for trips  
The main trip to London included a ride on the London Eye and a trip  
on the Thames.

- 1044/14      SPIJKENISSE REPORT  
The Mayor had been invited to Spijkenisse but owing to illness could not attend the opening of a new venue serving 85,000 people called "Nisseland".
- 1045/14      REPORT FROM THE TWINNING ASSOCIATION CHAIRMAN  
The Chairman of the Thetford Twinning Association reported that the association had held their first meeting of the year to set the dates for meetings, social events and fund raising. As soon as the minutes have been typed they will send the list to the Mayor. She was aware that 2016 was the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the twinning with Les Ulis so there will be events to plan for next year.
- 1046/14      TOWN CRIER REQUEST  
The Chairman had received a request for Civil Link funding for adult a Town Crier competition within the Thetford Festival. Councillors thought this was a good idea and suggested that the names of the three twinning towns were part of the competition "cry" with judges taking into account the pronunciation of the contestants. Councillor R Kybird proposed and Councillor Mrs B Canham seconded that a £100 from the Civic Links budget is granted as a contribution towards the Thetford Town Crier competition.  
**RECOMMENDATION: A £100 from the Civic Links budget is granted as a contribution towards the Thetford Town Crier competition.**
- 1047/14      ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS  
None.
- 1048/14      PRESS RELEASES  
None.
- 1049/14      DATE OF NEXT MEETING  
To be arranged.

Chairman: