

Subject to Approval
A MEETING OF THE CIVIC AND COMMEMORATIVE EVENTS SUB-BOARD
WAS HELD ON 13 MARCH 2008

The Mayor (Councillor Gill) (ex-officio) (P); Councillors Allen, Carr (P), Carter (P), Cully (P), Dickson (P), Edgar, Farr and Mrs Salter (P).

It was reported that, in accordance with Standing Orders, notice had been received that Councillors Burgess and Train would replace Councillors Edgar and Farr respectively for this meeting.

19. APOLOGIES

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors Edgar and Farr, Alderman Flory, Mrs Jean Hanslip, Mr Fred Hawkins, Mr Graham Sampson, Mr Bob Whitbread and Mr William Burt.

20. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

21. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Sub-Board held on 19 December 2007 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

22. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations.

23. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no public questions.

PART II

24. ROYAN TWINNING 2008: FINAL ARRANGEMENTS

It was confirmed that final travel arrangements were almost complete and the accommodation for the Mayor elect would be confirmed to the Mayor's PA.

The official gift of a set of coasters depicting Gosport scenes was being made by students at St Vincent College.

Councillor Carter confirmed he would be visiting the Yacht Club in Royan and that he

knew of people in Gosport willing to act as hosts to Royan sailing delegates in 2009.

Councillor Dickson confirmed that 3 golfing delegates would be travelling from Gosport and he knew of other delegates who would be taking their golf clubs and who would like to join in a game on the Sunday of the visit if this was possible.

25. ROYAN TWINNING 2009: UPDATE

Members were advised that the 2009 Steering Group had had a productive meeting on 19 February. Angela Whitbread (AW) thanked the finance officers for supplying details for applying for EU funding for the 2009 visit and efforts were being made to obtain help from the local MEP in respect of this application.

Staff at Gosport Discovery Centre had responded positively to a suggestion that a special display should be mounted at the Centre during the period of the Royan visit in 2009 and this would be pursued. The idea of holding a French Market in the town had also been put forward. AW requested other ideas from Members of the Twinning Group.

The date for the visit in 2009 was confirmed as the Bank Holiday weekend at the end of May, ie Saturday/Sunday 23rd and 24th May. It had been suggested that the visit should be the last weekend in May, the following Monday falling on 1st June, as the flights were less expensive when it was not a Bank Holiday. However, delegates in Royan had requested it remain the Bank Holiday weekend.

Members felt that, this being the 50th Anniversary of the Royan Twinning, as many people from Gosport Borough and from the Council should be encouraged to take part. On the question of funding, it was acknowledged that the funding for each year was allocated by the Policy and Organisation Board. However, the Chairman suggested that an application should also be made to the Grants Sub Board. AW and Honorary Alderman Graham Hewitt agreed to make this application.

As this was to be the last meeting before the visit to Royan in May, the Chairman sent his best wishes for a good visit and successful sporting events.

The meeting ended at 6.22 p.m.

CHAIRMAN