

RAGLAN TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Inaugural Meeting held on Thursday 12th March
at 7.30pm in the Beaufort Arms

Present: Charles Fountain, Robert Atkins, David Gale, Mrs. Gale, Christopher Butler-Donnelly, Kathleen Butler-Donnelly, Joanne Johnson, Andrew Johnson, Doug Hepburn, Liz Hepburn, Beryl Harray, Dave Hall, Jan Sutton, Judy Cecil, Gordon Allen, Charles Pritchard, Doris Pritchard.

Apologies: Sue Russell, Stuart Dandy, Anne & Lionel Watkins

Constitution: The constitution was proposed and adopted (See Appendix 1) Initial membership of the Association is free. It is hoped to involve as many organisations from the village as possible, covering the whole spectrum of society in the village and surrounding areas. It was proposed that a voluntary extended membership be offered at £5 per year which would enable members to get discounts on meals, accommodation in Parc , French lessons etc (subject to negotiation by the committee). A similar scheme could be offered in Parc .

Committee: The following member were appointed to the committee

Chairman – Charles Fountain

Treasurer - Chris Butler-Donnelly

Secretary – Doris Pritchard

Community Council Representative – Steve Thomas

Additional Members - Robert Atkins Kathleen Butler-Donnelly, Liz Hepburn, Beryl Harray

There are still 2 vacancies for the committee plus 2 places available for co-option. It is hoped the committee can find a young person (under 18) to join the committee to represent the interests of young people.

Short Term Actions:

The Welsh Assembly has sponsored a conference on Twinning at Llandridod Wells on the 18th March when more information may be available. 2009 has been designated the year of Creativity and innovation. Anyone wishing to attend please contact Charles Fountain

First visit by the Mayor of Parc  – Chris Butler-Donnelly will ask the mayor when he would like to come over (date to be determined), to be introduced to the village

and the surrounding area. He would be presented with literature and events timetables about the area.

The scouts would present memorabilia for a corresponding French youth group.

The school have a DVD of their inter-generational project.

CADW are to be approached by Charles Fountain for souvenir gifts. It was proposed that a small group would visit Parc  during the Whit Bank Holiday at the end of May.

Local businesses are to be approached for sponsorship

The Web site <http://raglan-parce.blogspot.com> is an initial point of contact for group and individual contacts.

French Conversation Classes – have been offered by Robert Atkins.

Actions for a longer term structured plan:

A number of groups in the village have expressed interested in being involved with the twinning:-

Scouts - James Hepburn would like to take a scout group over to the town

Golf - Danny would like to explore the possibility of a golf link

Business – Neil James would like to be involved

History Society – Cheryl Morgan to be approached to liaise

Music Festival – There is a strong possibility of some artists from Parc  participating in the Music Festival

Cycling/running /Triathlon – Andrew Johnson is prepared to co-ordinate a link.

A Group Delegation visit – was suggested by Gordon Allen that would be self financing.

An Accommodation List – needs to be compiled of people from Raglan willing to host people from Parc .

Membership Discounts – for members of the Association are to be sought from local businesses.

Date of Next Meeting – 23rd April in the Beaufort Arms at 7.30pm