

## Agenda for Special Meeting

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10 January 2017

- 1 - Apologies for Absence**
- 2 - Declarations of Interest**
- 3 - Adjourn meeting to allow a presentation by the Twinning Association of Mumbles**
- 4 - Discussion on Future of Twinning**
- 5 - Specific Twinning Proposals**
- a - End Exchange of Civic Parties**

Mumbles Community Council recognises the continuing efforts of both the Twinning Association of Mumbles and the Hennebont Twinning Association in arranging reciprocal visits.

However,

- i. We no longer wish to formally exchange civil parties each year
- ii. We suggest that when councillors wish to visit, they do so at their own expense as part of the Twinning Association's party

Proposed by Cllr. J. Twining and Seconded by Cllr. M. Colburn

- b - Working with Twinning Association of Mumbles**

MCC should work with the Twinning Association:

- i. To develop understanding of the benefits of twinning and should be proactive in involving schools, sports clubs and community groups in twinning activities
- ii. To review and clarify the relationship, using, as a starting point, the suggestions made in the TAM letter to full council

Proposed by Cllr. P. Erasmus

**c - Role of Mumbles Community Council Marketing & Media Committee**

Mumbles Community Council (MCC) should use its marketing media to promote international communication, collaboration and understanding through twinning, thus providing value for money for MCC and the community.

Proposed by Cllr. P. Erasmus

**d - New Twinning Committee**

A new Twinning committee to be established, independent of F&GP, to promote twinning. It should meet 3 to 4 times a year and be open to all Councillors who wish to make a positive contribution. It's members and chair should be committed to liaising positively with the Twinning Association to develop twinning links between institutions and organisations in Mumbles and Hennebont.

Representatives from the Twinning Association could be invited to join the Committee as non-voting members.

Proposed by Cllr. D. Dorsett

**f - Budgeting for Twinning Activities**

An annual budget equivalent to that estimated as being spent by our very generous hosts at Hennebont Twinning be set and approved as an annual MCC budget item starting from 2017/18 at £1000.

This would help cover our current suggested commitments. e.g. a choral competition...a petanque competition...etc.

Proposed by Cllr. T. Scales

**g - Grant Application**

The amount MCC pay towards support for Mumbles Twinning Association submitted as a Grant Application when required for each visit to or from Hennebont or Kinsale.

Proposed by Cllr J. Beach

**h - Public Consultation**

In the event of a formal decision by Council to finish with its twinning activities, MCC shall consult the local community prior to formally severing

of ties with its twinning towns. This public consultation to be in the form of a referendum.

Reason: MCC is the only authority that can engage or disengage in local twinning activities. Therefore, as MCC's purpose is to support its community interests it is necessary that the community should be allowed to comment on such an important change to our area's status. The cost of twinning is borne by MCC precept payers; therefore, they should have the final say regarding the cost/benefit of twinning to the whole community.

Proposed by Cllr. J. Cooper