

MINUTES OF THE TWINNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 1st DECEMBER 2020

Present: Councillor S Forster (Chair) and R Arthur, E Bell, Mrs J A Bell, Mrs G Bleasdale, Mrs K Brace, S P Colborn, S Cudlip, Mrs S Forster, Ms R M Gratton, G N Hepworth, Mrs L Kennedy, D McKenna, T Shepherd, Miss L Willis.

Officers: P Fletcher (Deputy Town Clerk)
Mrs J Knight (Finance Officer)
Miss A Rountree (Minute Taker)

Prior to commencement of the meeting the Chair advised members of this Committee and members of the public that in line with the amendment to 'the public bodies (admission to meetings) act 1960', which came into force in August, 2014, parts of this meeting may be recorded by photographic, video and audio means.

TW36/20 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Members were reminded prior to the start of the meeting of the need to disclose any interests, prejudicial or personal, in accordance with the Code of Conduct.

TW37/20 ACCEPTANCE OF AMENDMENT

RECOMMENDED that Members accept the amendment to the standing orders to incorporate the new regulations from the Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings (England and Wales) Regulations 2020, to conduct virtual Council meetings.

TW38/20 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR OF TWINNING COMMITTEE FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

There were two nominations for chair of the Twinning Committee namely Councillors Miss L Willis and Mrs S Forster. A vote then took place.

Councillor Miss L Willis – 8 votes
Councillor Mrs S Forster – 7 votes

RECOMMENDED that Councillor Miss L Willis be elected as chair of the Twinning Committee.

(Councillor Miss L Willis then took the chair)

TW39/19 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR OF TWINNING COMMITTEE FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

One nomination was received for the Vice-Chair of the Twinning Committee namely Councillor B Taylor.

RECOMMENDED that Councillor B Taylor be elected as vice-chair of the Twinning Committee.

TW40/19 **GERLINGEN ADVENT CALENDAR**

The Deputy Town Clerk stated that the date for the Seaham video to appear on the Gerlingen Advent calendar had now changed to the 4th December if any Members wished to view the video.

RECOMMENDED that Members note the information.