

**Pezenas Twinning Association 30th Anniversary Civic Reception**

 **Working Group**

**NOTES**

**Tuesday 18 February 2025 - 10.00am at the Town Hall**

Membership: Councillors Chapman and Nellins (Chairman).

Present: Councillors Chapman, Nellins, Assistant Clerk, Alison Bates Secretary of Pezenas Twinning Association and Carol Hitchen, member of the Pezenas Twinning Association

1. **Introductions**

Councillors and The representatives from the Pezenas Twinning Group introduced themselves.

1. **To elect a Chair**

Councillor Nellins was elected to be the Chairman.

1. **To discuss arrangements for the Civic Reception**

Alison said there are approximately eighteen, members of the Twinning Association age ranging from eighteen to eighty coming over for a week on 16 July 2025, The newly appointed Mayor is unable to attend but the leader from Pezenas will be the representative. A Civic reception would be for approximately fifty members.

After discussing the possibilities of the Civic Reception; members Recommended:

* Holding a Civic Reception on Monday 21 July 2025, 1st choice or Tuesday 22 July 2025, second choice at 7pm.
* To be held at The Royal British Legion, Church Street, Market Drayton – Actioned by IN to book.
* To allocate a budget of up to £500 to be taken out of the Community and Governance Community Support and events budget in the financial year 2025/26.
* To formally invite Town Councils newly elected Mayor and the Town Crier – Actioned by TC
* A glass of wine on arrival
* A small ceremony; wording to be printed in both French and English – To be agreed at a later date
* A slide show of pictures of Market Drayton on loop – Actioned by TC and BC
* Small buffet consisting of sandwiches, scones, tea, and coffee.
* To invite service men to the reception in their uniform and medals – Actioned by IN
* To arrange pipes and pipers to play – Actioned by IN
* To possibly organise a band – Actioned by IN
* 30th anniversary to purchase a gift to present to the Pezenas Group; members suggested a small ‘Tommy’ silent soldier figure – Actioned by BC