



European **Walled** Towns

47th Executive Committee of EWT

'Virtual Exec 47' June 2015

DRAFT MINUTES for discussion and agreement by correspondence, and at 48th Exec in Ravenna.

- 1) Record of those eligible to participate . *Agenda item 1 Paper noted - see attached page including*
 - a) Paid-up (2015 or 2014) full Walled Town Members (one voting contributor per town).
Revised as at 7th July 2015.
 - b) Paid-up Associate Members (Individual and Associations) - contributors but only through their Representative, Vicky Macdonald, one vote in all
 - c) Other participants without voting rights
- 2) List of active participants: to be completed to include commentators on these minutes:
 1. President Joe Spiteri
 2. Vice President Anne Scicluna
 3. Secretary General Andrew Grima
 4. Acting Treasurers and auditors:
Medwyn Jones
 5. Acting Treasurer and auditor Tony French
 6. Academic Adviser, David Bruce
 7. Vicky Macdonald, Associates Representative
 8. Jose Carlos Marin (Arabbarri)
 9. Peter Osborne –Life President
 10. Liam Mannix – Irish Walled Towns
 11. Berwick-upon-Tweed - Margaret and Bernard Shaw
 12. Bursa - Sezai Ozokutanoglis and Cem Kursad Hasanoglu
 13. Derry - Mark Lusby
 14. Elvas - Elsa Grillo
 15. Gmuend-in-Kaernten - Hubert Rudifera
 16. Ozmangazi – Senol Dulger
 17. Piran - Nada Zajc
 18. Sinj - Jelenc Bilic
 19. Tenby - Trevor Hallett
 20. Zadar - Anita Martinovic

Participation has been via email, Facebook, telephone and through the website.

Luigi Rossetti (Soave), Maud Arkestejn and Franz Tades (Drossendorf) sent apologies

- 3) Agreement of Procedure for this 'virtual' Meeting. *Agenda item 2 Paper noted - see attached*
No objections were received to the 'Virtual Exec 47' format
- 4) Minutes of Previous Executive Meeting (46) held in Chichester Sept 2014 to be agreed
(*AGENDA ITEM 4 paper is these draft minutes : to be agreed as a record after any amendments from those present*) No amendments received – Agreed.
- 5) To take note of draft minutes of 2014 Chichester AGM (XXIV) and proposed corrections to them (*AGENDA ITEM 5 paper is these draft minutes : to be noted with any amendments from those present to be agreed at next (25th) AGM*) Noted.
- 6) To take note of a President's Report
President's covering letter to initial agenda and briefing was noted.
- 7) To take note of President's Advisory Committee's (formerly the '7 meeting') Report
Briefing paper was noted.
- 8) To take note of Financial Report
Financial report in Briefing Paper was noted.
No 2014 draft financial report was received from former Treasurer Frank Petter.
- 9) Matters Arising from Chichester Sept 2014 Executive 46 and AGM XXIV *To note Agenda item 9 Paper on Election Procedures –(see overleaf)*



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Proposal to EWT Exec and Members

A proposal for a "Returning Officer"(RO), independent of any town, member or country directly involved with a candidate in the officer elections of EWT, the RO to be a Solicitor, or comparable discreet professional, with experience of managing democratic elections.

Anne Scicluna and David Bruce.

To implement the agreed secret postal/electronic ballot for EWT officer elections the following motion is proposed to the Executive and Members of EWT.

Motion:

“that EWT appoint an independent ‘returning officer’ (RO) to administer a secret election postal ballot. Such an RO will hold the definitive list of eligible of Town Members, will send out a single numbered ballot paper for each Office up for election to each Town Member and will be the postal recipient of all returned votes. The RO will certify the duly returned ballot papers and deliver them counted and assigned to the respective candidates with the declaration of the result in a sealed envelope to be opened at the AGM. A modest honorarium and reimbursement of any expenses incurred will be made to the RO by EWT.”

We think this is self- explanatory to ensure the credibility of a secret postal/electronic ballot for EWT elections. Anne Scicluna and David Bruce are in touch with a suitable candidate for the post of Returning Officer.

To be Agreed in correspondence

10) The 2015 AGM arrangements [\(Note EWT Symposium Guidelines Sept 2014\)](#)

Draft Programme of AGM and Seminar to be held in Ravenna 30th Sept- 3rd October tabled and is available from the EWT website <http://walledtowns.com/news/annual-general-meeting-2015-ravenna-italy/>. Introducing the AGM and seminar Joe Spiteri wrote “Dear Colleagues and Friends, It is my pleasure to invite you to attend the annual general meeting of the European Walled Towns, which will be held in Ravenna between the 30th September and the 3rd October 2015. In view of the transitional period of the secretariat and following the developments which took place during the last few months, an in depth brain storming of the general situation of our association, changes to the constitution, financial and administrative affairs, the upcoming annual general meeting is in my view of a greater importance than usual...” [see full invitation here](#).

11) Action plan for 2015 and a longer term Business Plan.

a) the 2015 Action plan is:

- i) to agree the Constitution compatible with Statutes under the Civil Code. Draft appended for consideration prior to AGM
- ii) to consider restructured membership. [Proposal appended](#). For discussion at meetings in Ravenna Sept/Oct 2015. The proposal provides for special membership conditions attractive to Links and Networks of or containing walled towns and also for a low flat rate fee for any walled town. Some very small existing paid-up member towns would have their fee rate frozen.
- iii) to launch new website and social media sites for EWT
- iv) to review longer term Business Plan as discussed and agreed in November 2014 ([linked here](#)). This proposal provides for Links and networks of or containing walled towns to



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have specific voting membership and also for all walled towns irrespective of size to have a single fee. Certain very small towns which are in paid up membership at the time of the proposed change would have their fee rate frozen

12) Date and Format of next meeting.

Face to face In Ravenna 1st October 2015 – an agenda will be circulated in advance.

DMB 21 July 2015



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Agenda Papers Virtual Exec 47 : Item 1 (i) (ii) and (iii) Paper

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Members of the Executive Committee ex Officio with voting rights:

President Joseph Spiteri; Vice President Anne Scicluna; Vice President (Vacant) Treasurer (Vacant); Associates Representative Vicky Macdonald.

Co-opted members without voting rights:

Academic Adviser David Bruce; Secretary General Andrew Grima (co-option to be agreed);

Temporary Financial advisers Medwyn Jones and Tony French (co-option to be agreed)

The A. List with voting rights but invited to pay 2015 dues, please (payment details in Briefing for

Members May 2015 Section 4): * paid already in 2015* -Thank you

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| 1. Almeida | 26. Karlovac |
| 2. *Athenry County Galway* | 27. *Kuldiga* |
| 3. *Berwick-On-Tweed* | 28. *Labraza* |
| 4. *Birgu/Vittoriosa* | 29. Maastricht |
| 5. Bursa | 30. Meppen |
| 6. Cardepera Mallorca | 31. Montreuil-Bellay |
| 7. *Chichester* | 32. *Naarden* |
| 8. *Cittadella* | 33. Narva |
| 9. *Conwy* | 34. *Nicosia* |
| 10. *Cowbridge* | 35. *Nin* |
| 11. *Denbigh* | 36. Ozmangazi Bursa |
| 12. Derry | 37. Pecs |
| 13. *Drosendorf A/D Thaya* | 38. *Piran* |
| 14. *Dubrovnik* | 39. *Ptuj* |
| 15. Eggenburg | 40. Radstadt |
| 16. *Elvas* | 41. Scala-Salerno |
| 17. Famagusta-Limassol | 42. Sinj |
| 18. *Fredericia* | 43. *Sluis-Oostburg* |
| 19. Friesach | 44. Tenby |
| 20. Gaziantep | 45. *Trnava* |
| 21. Gmund In Karnten | 46. *Valkenburg* |
| 22. *Gradara* | 47. Veere-Domburg |
| 23. Grave | 48. Woudrichem |
| 24. *Hellevoetssluis* | |
| 25. Kilmallock Co Cork | |

The B list invited to participate but without voting rights: these may be designated among the 'sleeping members' of EWT. **Fee NOT paid 2014 or 2015 before 18th June**

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| 1. Alanya | 13. Isla |
| 2. Amelia | 14. Kilkenny |
| 3. Antonana | 15. Kdz Eregli |
| 4. Bernedo | 16. Kutahya |
| 5. Caernarfon | 17. Lagos |
| 6. Carrickfergus | 18. Laguardia |
| 7. Chester | 19. Lucca |
| 8. Contrasta | 20. M'dina |
| 9. Diyarbakir | 21. Novigrad, Dalmatia |
| 10. Egirdir/Isparta | 22. Peñacerrada |
| 11. Gamle Frederikstad | 23. Sainte-Suzanne, Pays De La Loire |
| 12. Great Yarmouth | 24. Salinas De Añana |



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25. Salinillas De Buradon
26. Salvatierra-Agurain
27. Slavonski Brod
28. Valletta

29. Victoria Gasteiz
30. Youghal, County Cork
31. Zadar

List C Associate Members, invited to participate but need to go through Vicky Macdonald (<mailto:vickymacdonald@aol.com> to influence the discussion and any vote).

* Paid up 2015 or 2014 thank you for 2015 but please consider paying if only paid up in 2014 so far (payment details in Briefing for Members May 2015 Section 4); ^Life Member (deemed paid); ^Life President; \$ Association etc. \$\$ Reciprocal Membership

*A. Scicluna
*A-L. Lavila
*B.J.H. Woerdman
*D. Bruce
*H.J. Laverman-Berbée
*I. Thomas
*J. Bewes
*J. Spiteri
*M. Arkesteijn-Van Willigen
*M. Jones
*V. Macdonald
*^R. Storey
*^J. Price
*^C.J. Lines
*^P.L. Osborne
*\$Narva Museum
*\$Lucca Promo
*\$Chichester Walls Trust
*\$Chichester District Council
\$State Museum History of St. Petersburg
*\$European Association of Historic Towns and Regions (B. Smith)

A. Dryhurst-Dodd
C. Rohder
D. Hilditch MLA
D. Misljenac
E. Grilo
E. Price
F. Gastone

G. Dryhurst-Dodd
J. Beynon
J. Bourhill
J. Scriberras
Jones (Denbigh, Mrs)
L.E. Adam
M. Masio
M. Pritchard
P. MacDougall
P. Smith
V. Manthorpe
W. Hamilton
\$York Archaeological Trust
\$Sveaborg Seura RY
\$Stichting Vestingstad Valkenburg
\$Stichting Groene Hart
\$Rhodes International culture & Heritage Society
\$Obala Kraijice Elizabete
\$Noe Stadtmauerstaedte
\$Irish Walled Town Network/The Heritage Council
\$Friends of York Walls
\$FICAM
\$Euregionaal Historisch Centrum Sittard-Geleen
\$Derry Holywell Trust
\$Chester Civic Trust
\$Arabbari

Disclaimer: particularly with Associate Members and Associations, there may be errors in whether you have paid up and when and in spelling of names. Please advise us of necessary changes/updates.



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Agenda Papers Virtual Exec 47 Item 2 Paper

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Executive Committee meetings over the last 25 years have almost completely been conducted by consensus. Indeed there have been practically no votes recorded. Membership although defined (rather unclearly) in the Constitution Section 8. has been according to who has been available in the room at the time. Associates have been represented by Vicky Macdonald.

Contentious issues have been deferred, often to the next AGM.

This time many more Members have the opportunity to participate and to contribute to the decisions. However again Joe Spiteri, as President, will be seeking consensus in particular:

First in agreeing to conduct the meeting electronically: any specific objections will be put out to all invitees for comment and if irresolvable and with noticeable support from potentially voting members will be put to a poll. We would expect to complete this formal consent by 19th June. In the meantime we shall continue with further items of the agenda.

Second in agreeing to the co-option of Andre Grima, Medwyn Jones and Tony French.

Third in the matters specifically delegated to this Executive by the AGM XXIV in Chichester September 2014: namely the procedure for Officer Elections by post/electronically.(see Paper for item 8a) If a demonstrable difference of view emerges a poll of voting Members will be taken before 23rd June, the end of this Virtual Exec 47.

Other agenda items can be taken as they come. In the last week, each item will be completed and the minute formulated.

Enjoy the meeting!