



European **Walled** Towns

DRAFT Minutes of the 23rd International Symposium
(AGM) in Derry
Saturday 26th October 2013

AGM members present:

Name & Surname	Organisation
Joseph Spiteri	City of Valletta
Gabriella Agius	City of Valletta
Matthew Carbonaro	City of Valletta
Elaine Caruana	City of Valletta
Erika Schuster	Gmünd, Austria
Heidemarie Penker	Gmünd, Austria
Jan Erik Bokliny	City of Meppen
Paul Versyp	Man Bergen op Zoom
Isabel Pinto	Municipality of Elvas
Sezai Ozokutaudglu	Municipality of Osmangazi
Senol Dulger	Osmangazi
Vicky Macdonald	Conwy Rep. Assoc. Members
Martin Nooijens	S-Hertogenbosch
Huibert Crijns	S-Hertogenbosch
Elsa Grilo	Municipality of Elvas
Anne Scicluna	Chichester City
Medwyn Jones	Denbigh Town Council
Doris Norton	Chichester Walls Trust
Trevor Hallett (CLLR)	Tenby Town Council
Lawrence Attard	Birgu Local Council
Anthony (Tony) French	Chichester City Council
Frank Petter	City of Bergen op Zoom
David Bruce	Ewtand, UWE Bristol
Bernard & Margaret Shaw	Cittaslow Berwick
Nigel Brown	Chichester Walls Trust



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Agenda Items

Agenda Item 1 – President’s Introduction and Welcome

The President, Mr. Joseph Spiteri addressed the members present thanks the host country and asked participants to introduce themselves to the rest of the delegates.

Agenda Item 2 – Minutes of the Executive Committee held in Derry

The minutes were unanimously declared correct and accepted by Joseph Spiteri President and seconded by Ms Anne Scicluna Deputy President.

Matters arising from minutes

Item 6 Legal registration of European Walled Towns

The president tabled the legal advise he received from the lawyers in Malta about registering EWT as NGO. President asked for comments and it was recognised that under Section 1.2 of the Constitution, the President was entitled to move ahead with this change of status, making such changes to the EWT Constitution as were strictly necessary for the purpose. Such changes could be made within the next months to allow EWT to participate in European Funding Applications and in any case would be brought before the 2014 AGM for ratification.

A form of registration limiting the liability of Members was requested, which might take the form of a Company Limited by guarantee (NOT A PLC as suggested in the Exec minutes)

Agenda Item 3 - Additions to the Agenda

An informative presentation was given by a presentation of Bergen-op-Zoom. Ms Margaret Shaw asked re additions to the constitution

Agenda Item 4 – Minutes of the AGM held in Gmund 2012

Amendments were proposed – to revise list of attendees. It was agreed that the City of Hellevoetsluis and David Bruce are added to list and the City of Friesach and Radstadt is removed since they were not present for the AGM.

The minutes were unanimously declared correct and accepted Ms Margaret Shaw seconded the approval.

Agenda Item 5 – Annual Financial Report 2012 with report of the Internal Audit Committee

Agenda Item 6 – Treasurer’s Update 2012

EWT Treasurer Mr. Frank Petter presented the Financial Report for the year 2012..



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Mr Petter explained that expenses increased. This was due to the fact of the Urbact programme.

The Internal Audit Committee which was set up at the AGM in Lucca in October 2011 was reapproved this was proposed by President Joseph Spiteri.

The Audit of the accounts was done. The Internal Audit Committee representative further stated that all accounts were extremely well-presented with all the relevant documents and receipts attached. The Committee found the accounts for the year 2012 well-presented and well-accounted for.

Agenda Item 7 – EU Project Proposals

A proposal for an URBACT application was introduced by Secretary General Gabriella Agius

Also gave a brief info about a project - Cultural Impact Assessment i.e. for Innovative cities. Secretary General asked for a Planner from the area

Secretary General also informed that an email will be sent to all members with information about projects.

Agenda Item 8 – Nomination of Deputy President - candidates

Mr Joseph Spiteri President informed that Ms Anne Scicluna was the only person who submitted the nomination on time. On the other hand Mr. Martin Nooijens submitted the nomination after the deadline. Mr President put it to the meeting that under the Constitution he could accept the late application since 2 deputy Presidents posts were available. Both candidates were elected by acclaim.

Mr Medven Jones of Denbigh proposed that a formal procedure for elections be agreed and appended to the Constitution to prevent a recurrence of this apparent irregularity.

Agenda Item 9 – Appointment of Scrutiny and Voting of Members

No voting was needed

Agenda Item 10 – Result of ballot and appointment of Deputy President

Deputy Presidents Anne Scicluna and Martin Nooijens were appointed.

Agenda Item 11 – Presentation of Chichester 2014

Ms Anne Scicluna introduced the 2014 symposium town and invited all to attend in September 2014. The exact dates will be circulated shortly.

Agenda Item 12 – Any Other Business

It was confirmed that the Executive Meeting in Narva 15th – 18th May 2014



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The new member Bergen-op-Zoom introduced their town Welcome pack for new members.

Mr Bernard Shaw of Berwick-on-Tweed requested that a full welcome pack be prepared for every new member.

The AGM agreed this and that it would be based on a pack that was presented in 2000. Mr David Bruce was asked to pursue this along with the paper on benefits of membership, which he was preparing at the request of the Executive Committee.

Agenda Item 14 - Closing of the Meeting

After warmly thanking all for their participation, the new President closed the meeting and exchanged EWT flag from Derry to Chichester.