



Report to

Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

Report of

Councillor Lakha

Title

Report Back on the Work Of Outside Bodies – Coventry Association for International Friendship

1 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 This report sets out details of the work of Coventry Association for International Friendship over the preceding twelve months and details of attendance by the City Council's representatives.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 Continue to work with CAIF (Coventry Association for International Friendship) to promote community links as part of the policy of the City Council for Peace and Reconciliation by continuing the appointment of Council Member.

3 Information on Work of Outside Body

CAIF is working mainly with the residents to residents of the cities which are twinned with Coventry with the purpose of keep the initiative of Peace and Reconciliation. Apart from that CAIF also links with other cities from time to time for the same.

Some of the activities are as under -

- 3.1 Regular Newsletters to all members
- 3.2 Cultural exchanges (visits and hosting)
- 3.3 A Drama group from Dresden visited and performed "Miss Julie" at The Criterion Theatre Earlsdon and were hosted by members of CAIF(April)
- 3.4 A visit from the Kiel Hebbelschule Choir to perform with the Nightingales Choir and were hosted by members of CAIF and the Nightingales(April)
- 3.5 3 CAIF representatives made a cultural visit to Tallinn with members of the Kiel group (June).
- 3.6 4 members from Coventry Rhode Island visited Coventry (November) and were hosted by CAIF members.
- 3.7 11 CAIF members went to Vannes in Brittany (August) with a follow up Social evening at the Tricketts (October)
- 3.8 Regular Fundraising Coffee Mornings hosted by Pat Trickett for nominated Charities, including this year the Alzheimer Charity and Macmillan Cancer Research.

3.9 All members are invited to regular meals out including July 4th at The Cottage Earlsdon to celebrate 50 years of CAIF and to express our thanks to John Moore and Ben Freeman for their dedicated service to the Association and December 12th will be a Christmas meal at The Cottage Earlsdon.

3.10 Concerts

3.11 Concerts by The Nightingales - directed by Pat Trickett (affiliated to CAIF)

3.12 Peace Month Concert (16th November)

4 **Benefits to the City Council of the Appointment**

City Councils continues to promote Coventry as City of Peace and Reconciliation through direct links with people to people internationally.

5 **What Financial Contribution Does the Council Make to this Organisation**

Service contract for 2012/13 £1250.

6 **Attendance Record and Remuneration for the Appointment**

6.1 Coventry City Council's representative on the Coventry Association for International Friendship is Councillor Lakha and he attended all 4 meetings held.

6.2 There is no remuneration associated with the appointment.

List of background papers

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Schedule of City Council Appointments to outside Bodies

Location: CH59