



MINUTES MAYORS MEETINGS OF THE CHARTER OF EUROPEAN RURAL COMMUNITIES IN CASHEL (IRELAND)

- Meeting on July 1st 2011 at 4.30 PM
All mayors or substitute mayors present except from Nagycenk (Hungary)
- Meeting on July 3rd 2011 at 4.00 PM
All mayors or substitute mayors present.

1. Welcome.

The president welcomes everybody.

2. Minutes of the mayors meetings on June 11th and 13th 2010 in Strzyzow

DECISION:

The minutes are approved.

3. Accession to the presidium of Teresa Pedrosa.

The presidium reports that Teresa Pedrosa, mayor from Samuel, is from now a member of the presidium.

The mayors' meeting takes notice of the decision that Teresa Pedrosa becomes a member of the presidium and welcomes it.

4. Presidency of the Charter

The presidium announces that:

- a) During the summer meeting in Kandava 2012 Frans Ronnes (Haaren/Esch) hands over the presidency of the Charter to Karl Grammanitsch (Lasse).
- b) Valeria Flachbartova (Medzev) then becomes the vice president of the Charter (she is now the second vice-president).
- c) Teresa Pedrosa (Samuel) becomes then the second vice-president of the Charter and the treasurer of the Charter.

- d) The secretary of the Charter will be coupled to the president, so Sandra Hengl will be the secretary from then.

The mayors' meeting takes notice of the decision of the presidium regarding the presidency of the Charter.

5. Applications at the European Commission for 2013 / 2014.

a. Applicants.

The presidium agreed that Lassee will apply at the European Commission for the adults programme 2013 / 2014 and that Naestved will apply at the European Commission for the youngsters programme.

b. Theme

Karl Grammanitsch and Jette Johnsen announce that the central theme of the Charter applications 2013 / 2014, both for youngsters as well as adults, will be the impact of climate change in rural areas and the measures that can be taken.

Karl Grammanitsch suggests that in two groups the mayors meeting will discuss further about the theme. There are some doubts about the question if every member can show or present local best practices, because not every member has developed measures yet. The applicators say they will help. The two groups decide that the theme is agreed.

More information about the theme members can soon be found on www.europeancharter.eu

c. Letter of intent

Those members who did not yet sign and stamp the letters of intent for the adults and the youngsters application 2013 / 2014, are asked to do so as soon as possible and send the letters for the adult application to Lassee and for the youngsters application to Naestved.

DECISION:

- a) Approval that Lassee and Naestved will do the applications 2013 / 2014
- b) Approval of the theme "the impact of climate change in rural areas and the measures that can be taken"
- c) More information will be put on www.europeancharter.eu
- d) Send the letters of intent to Lassee and Naestved

6. Meetings 2013 / 2014.

a. Annual meetings:

- o 2013: Samuel
- o 2014: Bièvre
- o At each meeting 4 youngsters and 6 adults per member can participate.
- o Because of the organisation and the costs, the mayor of Lefkara proposes to reduce the number of participants from 10 to 8 (2 officials, 3 adults and 3 youngsters). The proposal is rejected by the mayors. The majority wants to keep the number of participants on 10.

- The president suggests involving the region when you have to organise a big meeting (like Stary Poddvorov did). They often can help with housing, organisation and money. He advises the organising members also to avoid expensive trips.
- The representative from Naestved suggests that participants could pay for expensive trips. The other mayors think that that is not a good idea.
- Another idea: make committees of experience, so that people who already organised a big meeting can advise the members who will organise a big meeting. This idea is accepted.
- The president suggests that the mayors inform their participants well about the fact that guests stay in host families and not in a hotel. One of the important aims of the Charter is to learn the way of living in the different countries. Therefore we stay in families.

b. Small meetings

- The idea for the next application is to organise 3 small meetings in 2 years and a closing conference.
- At the small meetings 9 members participate with each 4 participants. At the closing conference 26 members participate, each with 2 participants. So, like in the current programme for every country there are 2 annual meetings, 1 small meeting and 1 closing conference in two years.
- For the adult meetings the candidates for organising are: Medzev, Zagare and Stary Poddvorov and the closing conference will be in Lasee.
- Agreed is that a proposal will be send to all members regarding the participation in the small meetings (who is going to attend which meeting).

c. Youngsters meetings

- The idea for the youngsters meetings in 2013 / 2014 is to organise 3 small meetings in 2 years and a closing conference.
- Each meeting 9 members can participate with each 4 youngsters. Also the youngsters' coordination team will participate in each meeting. At the closing conference 26 members participate with each 2 participants. The YCT will also attend the closing conference.
- Candidates for organising the youngsters meetings are: Cissé, Ockelbo and Bienvenida. The closing conference will be organised by Naestved
- The youngsters make a list of holidays, so that there can be chosen for good dates for the meetings.

DECISION:

The structure for the meetings in 2013 and 2014 is approved.

7. Financial accountability of the multi annual project 2009 – 2010.

Frans Ronnes gives an explanation. Ben Murphy (Desborough) asks why Friends of Europe Esch did become money out of the organisation costs of the programme. The

president says that this was money for services rendered. The Friends of Europe Esch did the financial administration of the project.

8. Financial accountability of the Charter.

Sandra Hengl explains the current state of the Charter finance. The audit committee approves the report. The figures will be included in the next newsletter.

DECISION:

- The financial report is approved.
- The figures will be included in the next newsletter.

9. European Movement International.

Frans Ronnes had contact with the secretary-general of EMI. Everyone has read the information of the secretary general of EMI. The profit of being a member of EMI is not very clear. Ben Murphy (Desborough) notes EMI is more a political group. The president concludes that the Charter will finish the membership of EMI from next year.

DECISION:

The membership of EMI will be finished from next year.

10. Ages of the youngsters (coordination team).

Contrary to what is stated on the agenda, the presidium has decided to give no suggestions regarding this item to the mayors.

11. Representatives in the presidium.

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12. Presentation of Kandava.

Kandava organises the big summer meeting 2012. The three representatives of Kandava give a (picture) presentation about their municipality.

13. Presentation www.europeancharter.eu

Gunther Brandstetter of the web team presents the new youngsters website: www.europeancharter.eu/youth

After the presentation, Gunther asks all mayors to help him and the other members of the web team with keeping the site up to date and interesting.

DECISION:

Every member will help the web team to keep www.europeancharter.eu up to date and interesting.

14. Presentation of Desborough

From November 24th (arrival day) till 27th 2011, Desborough (UK) will organise the workshop "Friends of Europe". All charter members attend with 2 participants.

Ben Murphy prepared a presentation, but due to technical failures it could not be displayed. Ben tells some things about the workshop, which will focus on Friends of Europe organisations special and volunteers' work in general in the context of demographic developments in rural areas. The presentation you can find on www.europeancharter.eu > news > special Cashel page.

Helma, July 10th 2011