

# MINUTES MAYORS MEETING STARY PODDVOROV

**Saturday June 13<sup>th</sup> 2009, 8.00 – 10.00 am and Sunday  
June 14<sup>th</sup> 2009, 8.30 – 10.30 am in Schlosshotel  
Cejkovice**

Present: representatives of all Charter members (on Sunday: Polva, Estonia was missing)

## **FIRST PART: SATURDAY**

### **1. WELCOME.**

### **2. MINUTES OF THE MAYORS MEETINGS IN LEFKARA, MAY 2008**

#### **DECISION:**

**THE MAYORS MEETINGS APPROVES THE MINUTES FROM MAY  
2008**

### **3. COMPOSITION OF THE PRESIDIUM**

Ben Murphy Ryan from Desborough (Great Britain) has put available his place in the presidium.

According to the statutes of the Charter, the presidium can consist of 5 till 7 people. The presidium proposes not to replace Desborough and to work with 6 presidium members.

#### **DECISION:**

**THE MAYORS MEETING AGREES NOT TO REPLACE DESBOROUGH  
IN THE PRESIDIUM. THE PRESIDIUM WILL CONSIST OF 6  
PERSONS.**

### **4. APPROVAL OF THE OFFICIAL DOCUMENT OF ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CHARTER**

As agreed during earlier meetings, the official text of the Charter has been adapted to the current situation. Because the Charter was founded in Cissé, the

official location of the Charter is also Cissé. The official document of establishment is in the French language and deposited in Cissé.

Andreas Shoshilos asks for an English version on the website. Manuel Mendigutia will take care of the translation. Helma will send him the French version.

**DECISIONS:**

- 1. APPROVAL OF THE ADAPTED STATUTES OF THE CHARTER**
- 2. PUT AN ENGLISH VERSION ON [www.europancharter.eu](http://www.europancharter.eu)**

## **5. MULTI ANNUAL PROJECT 2009-2010 FROM THE "EUROPE FOR CITIZENS PROGRAM" OF THE EU**

In Lefkara every Charter member signed an official document and with that every one accepted the conditions of the multi annual project. The evaluation is meant to look how the agreed conditions work in practice: how did it work until now and what can we learn from those experiences for meetings in the future.

**a. Evaluation of the conference and the workshop:**

1. Conference on local democracy in Zagare Lithuania (February 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> 2009)  
Vilija Aleksiene says that everything went well. The practical side was okay and so was the content. Only the weather would not cooperate.
2. Workshop for youngsters in Naestved Denmark (March 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> 2009)  
Jette Johnsen says the youngsters worked very hard during the weekend in Naestved. She accentuates the importance of the involvement of the youth in the Charter and stresses that therefore it's very important that every member points out a young communication officer.

**b. Evaluation in general.**

The president reminds the members that in Lefkara was decided that everyone should stick to the agreements concerning the number of participants. It is the base for the grants organizing municipalities get. Here in Stary Poddvorov are 205 participants instead of 260. That's disappointing. Promises are made to be kept! The president also stresses that Charter meetings are not exclusive for the mayors or councilors. On the contrary: the aim of the Charter is to involve citizens of the member municipalities.

In the statutes is written that people stay in host families to experience the way of life of the host municipality. In principle no one will stay in a hotel. If people don't want to stay in host families, they do not understand the Charter.

In three small groups the mayors talk about how they think things are going or have to be with the Charter.

**Results:**

- Size of the delegations: for the big annual meetings is basic 10. In principle 6 adults and 4 young ones.
- If a host country thinks 10 is too much, then they have to declare that before the application.
- The president will talk to Cashel and Kandava concerning the number of participants in 2011 and 2012.
- Malta and Cyprus always have high costs, because they always have to travel far and always by plane.
- Suggestion is that the Charter helps to make travel arrangements.
- Program: now there is a program for mayors and youth. Wish: program for the adults also: for instance small workshops, more exchange of experiences, less tourism.
- Hosting: principle is that everyone (including the mayors) stays in host families. If it's a problem, members can try to involve their neighbour municipalities.
- If it needs to be, youngsters can stay in an accommodation together and have their meals in host families.

**DECISION:**

**EVERY CHARTER MEMBER SHOULD ACCOUNT TO THE AGREEMENTS MADE IN THE OFFICIAL CHARTER AIMS AND THE APPOINTMENTS AS WRITTEN DOWN AND SIGNED FOR IN THE MULTI ANNUAL PROJECT**

**6. MULTI ANNUAL PROJECT 2011 – 2012.**

If the Charter again wants to apply for the multi annual project in the next period, the application has to be in Brussels before June 1<sup>st</sup> 2010. So the decision about whether to apply again or not has to be made during the mayors meeting in Stary Poddvorov.

The president states that the advantages of another multi annual project (provided that Brussels approves) are that the organisation municipality of the big meeting does not have to apply itself for money in Brussels and that there is a contribution in organisational and travel costs for the smaller meetings. On the other hand he accentuates the obligations for all members.

In the small groups the mayors talked about a new application. They conclude that it will be another huge project, to run for a new 2 year period, but that they would like the Charter to apply again. Because of the experience and contacts in Brussels, the mayors think it would be good if Haaren again applied for the multi annual project 2011 – 2012. The president accepts and says he will take care of it again.

Before the application, some things must be clear:

- Topic of the next application. "Elderly people" is announced as a theme for the next (small) meetings.

- Themes and dates of the big meetings 2011 and 2012. The organising municipality decides about the data. The young ones strongly advise to avoid June, because of the exams.
- As agreed before: the hosting municipality of the big annual meeting can say something about the number of participants. The president will talk to Cashel and Kandava concerning the number of participants in 2011 and 2012.
- Who wants to organise a small meeting in the new multi annual period 2011 - 2012

Samuel, Lefkara, Ibanesti and Polva now already say they want to organise a small meeting in the new period. Lefkara suggests "tourism" as a theme. The president asks everyone to think about it and also about themes. At the end of 2009 the presidium will have a meeting to prepare the new application. By then there should be answers on the questions above.

#### **DECISIONS:**

- 1. THE CHARTER WILL AGAIN APPLY FOR A MULTI ANNUAL PROJECT 2011 / 2012.**
- 2. THE MUNICIPALITY OF HAAREN APPLIES.**
- 3. ALL MEMBERS ENDORSE THE OBLIGATIONS OF A NEW MULTI ANNUAL PROJECT**
- 4. EVERY MEMBER WILL SEND SUGGESTIONS ON LOCATION, THEMES AND DATES TO HELMA BEFORE NOVEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> 2009.**

## **7. YOUTH.**

### **a. Extra youth meeting.**

Within the multi annual project, the young ones have a task: make a DVD that shows how young people can be involved in the Charter. In the regular multi annual program there are two meetings for the young ones: one has already taken place in Denmark in March 2009, the other one is planned in October 2010 in Latvia. The coordinator of the youth project suggests inserting one extra youth meeting, because the time between the first and second meeting is very long and they need more time together to make the DVD. The presidium suggest to agree on an extra meeting and to finance that meeting conform the multi annual system. The mayors approve that proposal.

Kannus will examine if they can organise the meeting (2 young ones from every member municipality) and let Helma know within a couple of weeks. If Kannus cannot do it, Lasse will.

**b. Meeting with the young ones in Stary Poddvorov.**

On Sunday morning June 14<sup>th</sup> there is a meeting between mayors and a delegation of the young ones.

**DECISION:**

**THE MAYORS AGREE ON AN EXTRA YOUTH MEETING,  
FINANCED BY THE CHARTER CONFORM THE MULTI ANNUAL  
SYSTEM.**

**8. FINANCE OF THE CHARTER**

Karl Grammanitsch (vice-president) and Sandra Hengl (executive treasurer) took over the finance of the Charter from Cissé. Sandra gives a financial overview.

Charter financial report (10<sup>th</sup> of June 2009)

Amount transferred on the 4<sup>th</sup> of August 2008 was **27.137,46**

<u>Income</u>	<u>7.518,44</u>	5.200,42	membership fees
		9,95	interest
		2.308,07	transfer from Charter account in Cisse
<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>18.568,12</u>	62,47	tax and account charges
		972,94	travel refund - "Web-team"
		2.310,00	accommodation - presidium in Brussels
		786,05	meals in Brussels - presidium
		3.934,08	expenses - daily board and presidium
		795,22	administration costs
		9.707,36	travel refund - Lefkara

**January 1st 2009**

<u>Balance</u>	<b><u>16.087,78</u></b>		
<u>Income</u>	<u>9.619,39</u>	9.613,70	membership fees
		5,69	account interest
<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>1.881,75</u>	1.000,00	membership fee - European
Movement			
		720,46	travel expenses of the daily
board			
		141,61	website contribution
		19,68	tax and account charges

**June 10th 2009      23.825,42**

Outstanding fees      5.975,42

**PLEASE NOTE:** Sandra asks everyone to use the European transfer possibilities with IBAN and BIC and to avoid unnecessary bank charges, occurring by the use of cheques and foreign transfers

**DECISIONS:**

- 1      LUCIEN MAJERUS (TROISVIERGES) AND MARTINE GARNIER (CISSE) HAVE CHECKED THE FINANCIAL BOOKS AND GIVE THEIR AGREEMENT.**
- 2.      THE MAYORS MEETING APPROVES THE FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE CHARTER.**

## **9. MEMBERSHIP OF BIENVENIDA (SPAIN)**

The membership of Bienvenida is officially confirmed in the mayors meeting. Welcome Spanish member of the Charter!

**DECISION:**

**THE MAYORS MEETINGS CONFIRMS THE MEMBERSHIP OF BIENVENIDA.**

## **10. MEMBERSHIP OF MARKOVO BULGARIA**

Unfortunately the delegation of Markovo, Bulgaria cancelled their participation in Stary Poddvorov, but they announced they still want to become a member of the Charter.

The presidium talked about how to contact Markovo in the near future (because they are also expected at the conference in Kolindros in September 2009). The president will contact Markovo. If the contact leads to nothing, he will search for another member in Bulgaria. The mayors' meeting agrees.

**DECISION:**

**THE MAYORS MEETING AGREES THAT THE PRESIDENT WILL CONTACT MARKOVO AND IF THAT CONTACT LEADS TO NOTHING THAT HE WILL SEARCH FOR ANOTHER VILLAGE IN BULGARIA.**

## **11. WWW.EUROPEANCHARTER.EU**

Gunther Brandstetter is in Stary Poddvorov as a young member of the Austrian delegation. However, he is also a member of the web team and would like to do a small presentation about the website for the mayors. He will show the presentation on Sunday morning June 14<sup>th</sup>.

## **SECOND PART: SUNDAY**

### **12. PRESENTATION OF STRYZOW.**

Strzyzow (Poland) will organise the next big annual meeting from June 9<sup>th</sup> till 13<sup>th</sup> 2010. In a warming up for that meeting they show the mayors meeting a flashy DVD from their community. Girls in beautiful costumes distribute Polish sweets and Mayor Marek Sliwinski tells that the theme of the meeting will be: care for

disabled people. The theme connects to the multi annual theme of the big meetings: liveability.

The mayors' meeting agrees that two other Charters members should also work out a presentation about this theme to show at the meeting in Strzyzow.

Volunteers can sign in, send a mail to Helma.

**DECISION:**

**TWO CHARTER MEMBERS WILL ALSO WORK OUT THE THEME OF THE STRYZOW MEETING: CARE FOR DISABLED PEOPLE. VOLUNTEERS CAN SIGN IN WITH AN E MAIL TO HELMA**

## **7b.MEETING WITH THE YOUNG ONES.**

Boy Scholtze from the Netherlands (youth coordinator multi annual project) tells the mayors, on behalf of the young ones, what the youth until now has done to work out their task. In the multi annual project is agreed that the young ones think about how to involve more youngsters in the Charter. Therefore they will make a DVD. Boy shows the mayors what the youngster did until now and what they are planning to do. The mayors' meeting is impressed. Compliments for Boy and his team Lasse Zurbrugg from Denmark and Gunther Brandstetter from Austria)!

You can find the presentation on [www.europeancharter.eu](http://www.europeancharter.eu)

## **11b. WWW.EUROPEANCHARTER.EU**

Gunther Brandstetter from Austria tells the mayors meeting more about the recently renewed site of our Charter. Gunter, together with Erik Torm from Denmark, Peter Paul Buttigieg from Malta and coordinator Ingrid van Sichem from the Netherlands, made the new site.

The mayors' meeting agrees that the web team has done a very fine job. The site looks great, is clearly classified, gives a lot of information and certainly is worth a visit. Compliments for the web team!

## **12.OTHER MATTERS TO DISCUSS.**

### **a. Big meetings 2013 /2014.**

The presidium asks the mayors meeting to think about who wants to organize the big annual meetings in 2013 and 2014. Those who want to can send a message to Helma.

### **b. Moravce.**

Moravce until now didn't fulfil the obligations of the Charter. The president asked the representative of Moravce to talk with his mayor about that. Boštjan Albreht phoned his mayor and Moravce declares that it will stay in the Charter and fulfill all obligations.

**c. Fee of the Charter.**

Cashel (Ireland) wonders if the € 400, 00 fees a year every member pays for the membership of the Charter, is enough. Sandra answers that the balance is good. There is no need for a higher fee.

Helma, June 21<sup>st</sup> 2009