

MINUTES PRESIDIUM MEETINGS STARY PODDVOROV

Thursday June 11th and Saturday June 13th 2009 in the evening in Schosshotel Cejkovice

Present: Frans Ronnes, president
Karl Grammanitsch, vice-president
Jette Johnsen
Valeria Flachbartova
Sandra Hengl
Helma van Drunen
Lucien Majerus (part of Thursday and Saturday)
Martine Garnier (part of Thursday and Saturday)

FIRST PART (THURSDAY)

1. WELCOME.

Lucien and Martine have not arrived yet on Thursday 11th 7.00 pm. The rest of the presidium starts the meeting.

2. MINUTES OF THE PRESIDIUM MEETING IN LEFKARA, MAY 2008

3. MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING IN TROISVIERGES, JULY 2008

4. MINUTES OF THE PRESIDIUM MEETING IN BRUSSELS NOVEMBER 2008

DECISION:

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM MAY 2008, JULY 2008 AND NOVEMBER 2008.

5. COMPOSITION OF THE PRESIDIUM

Ben Murphy Ryan has declared that he thinks it's not correct if he should automatically succeed Stan Delbridge. So he waives his place in the presidium. According to the statutes of the Charter, the presidium can consist of 5 till 7 people.

DECISION

THE PRESIDIUM PROPOSES THE MAYORS MEETING NOT TO REPLACE DESBOROUGH AND TO WORK WITH 6 PRESIDIUM MEMBERS

6. 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. The mayors' meeting has to give the official approval at the statutes.

DECISION:

- 1. THE PRESIDIUM ASKS THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR'S MEETING FOR THE STATUTES AS ESTABLISHED IN THE PRESIDIUM MEETING OF NOVEMBER 2008**
- 2. THE PRESIDENT WILL TALK TO MARTINE ABOUT THE CHANGES NOW THAT DESBOROUGH IS NO LONGER A PRESIDIUM MEMBER.** Dit is m.i. niet juist. Het is een mededeling. Wel zal voorgesteld worden het presidium niet aan te vullen en met 6 verder te gaan.

7. 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.

The presidium decides not to follow the items as mentioned on the agenda, but to make remarks:

- In several member municipalities it is apparently not clear that the Charter and its meetings are not only for mayors and councilors, but especially for citizens.
- Particularly Ireland, Slovenia and France give problems. There (again) are only very small delegations of those countries at the annual meeting in spite of the appointments in the multi annual project.
- Participation and involvement in the Charter is not exclusive for the member villages. Citizens from the (bigger) municipality or the region can also participate.
- How can our members involve people / citizens? And how can the Charter help with that?
- The starting point of staying in host families remains as ever. Only in very special circumstances someone can (on his own costs) stay in a hotel.
- Drivers of busses can stay in a hotel on their own costs or the costs of the municipality that hired them.
- The content of meetings should be as agreed in the multi annual project.
- At the mayors meeting shall be asked how the members that already organized a meeting within the multi annual project went with the finance and with the format.

DECISION:

THE PRESIDIUM WILL ASK THE MAYORS MEETING TO DISCUSS THE REMARKS IN SMALLER GROUPS

8. 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 1st 2010. So the decision about whether to apply again or not has to be made during the mayors meeting in Stary Poddvorov.

If the Charter decides to apply again, there have to be made appointments about:

1. Which municipality will apply?
2. Themes (following the last conference of the multi annual 2009/2010, "Elderly" has to be a theme in the next cycle).
3. Composition of the delegations / number of participants.
4. Organising communities.

Bucine told the president that they eventually want to apply for the next multi annual. The presidium would rather have the municipality of Haaren to apply again, because they have the experience. The president and Helma will think and talk about it together.

DECISION:

THE PRESIDIUM PROPOSES THE MAYORS MEETING TO APPLY FOR A MULTI ANNUAL PROJECT AGAIN IN 2011 / 2012 AND TO LET THE MUNICIPALITY OF HAAREN (ESCH) DO THE APPLICATION.

9. 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, together with Gunther Brandstetter and Lasse Zurbrugg, 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. If the presidium and mayors support this proposition, there are two questions:

1. Will the Charter pay for this extra meeting?
2. Who will organise this meeting?

The presidium agrees to organise an extra meeting. The Charter will pay for the organisation costs and the travel costs conform the system of the multi annual project. Lassee is willing to organise the meeting.

b. Meeting with the young ones in Stary Poddvorov.

On Sunday morning there is a meeting between mayors and a delegation of the young ones foreseen. The young ones themselves take care of the preparation.

The president will talk to the organising committee of Stary Poddvorov, because in the program is no time included for a meeting with the young ones.

DECISION:

- a. **THE PRESIDIUM PROPOSES THE MAYORS MEETING TO AGREE ON AN EXTRA YOUTH MEETING, PAID BY THE CHARTER CONFORM THE MULTI ANNUAL SYSTEM.**
- b. **THERE WILL BE A MEETING WITH THE YOUNG ONES ON SUNDAY JUNE 14TH.**

10. FINANCE OF THE CHARTER

Karl Grammanitsch and Sandra Hengl will take care of the financial overview of the Charter

There are some small problems, Sandra will bilateral talk to the members whom it concerns.

In the mayors meeting Sandra will give an overview of the total finance of the Charter.

DECISION:

THE PRESIDIUM PROPOSES THE MAYORS MEETING TO APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT.

11. MEMBERSHIP OF BIENVENIDA (SPAIN)

The membership of Bienvenida has to be officially confirmed in the mayors meeting.

DECISION:

THE PRESIDIUM PROPOSES THE MAYORS MEETING TO CONFIRM THE MEMBERSHIP OF BIENVENIDA.

12. MEMBERSHIP OF MARKOVO BULGARIA

Unfortunately the delegation of Markovo, Bulgaria cancelled their participation in Stary Poddvorov, but they still want to become a member of the Charter. The presidium talks 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, we have to search for another member in Bulgaria.

DECISION:

THE PRESIUM PROPOSES THE MAYORS MEETING THAT THE PRESIDENT WILL CONTACT MARKOVO AND IF THAT CONTACT LEADS TO NOTHING, TO SEARCH FOR ANOTHER VILLAGE IN BULGARIA.

13. 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.

DECISION:

ON SUNDAY MORNING JUNE 14TH DURING THE MEETING BETWEEN MAYORS AND A DELEGATION OF THE YOUNGSTERS, THERE WILL BE A PRESENTATION OF WWW.EUROPEANCHARTER.EU

SECOND PART (SATURDAY)

7A. EVALUTION OF THE MULTI ANNUAL PROJECT

The mayors have in three groups discussed the evaluation of the project. The outcomes are:

- 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 stays in host families. If it's a problem, members can try to involve their neighbour municipalities.
- If it need to be, youngsters can stay in an accommodation together and have their meals in host families.

DECISION:

- 1. THESE OUTCOMES WILL BE THE GUIDELINE FOR THE FUTURE**
- 2. THE PRESIDENT WILL TALK TO CASHEL AND KANDAVA CONCERNING THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN 2011 AND 2012**

8A. MULTI ANNUAL PROJECT 2011 – 2012.

- What will be the topic of the next application?
- Elderly people is announced as a topic for the next multi annual. Should it be the topic of the small meetings or the big ones?
- The presidium suggests that every member can mention topics for the next multi annual, for the big meetings as well as for the small meetings.
- The dates of the big meetings in 2011 and 2012 should be announced.
- The young ones asked to avoid June as a time for the big meeting, because that's the time of the exams.
- There will be organised a presidium meeting in Strzyzow at the end of 2009. The presidium then can make a planning for the next multi annual application.

- We then have to know who wants to organise a small meeting.
- Estonia and Portugal already announced that they want to organise a small meeting.

DECISION:

THESE REMARKS / QUESTIONS WILL PRESENTEND TO THE MAYORS MEETING ON SUNDAY MORNING JUNE 14TH 2009.

14. OTHER MATTERS TO DISCUSS

a. Celebration of the 20th anniversary of the Charter.

Martine again will ask Annette Savin to organise a small meeting to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Charter. People who were involved in the establishment of the Charter will be invited.

If it's not possible to organise such a meeting in Cissé, there will be no celebration at all, because the presidium thinks Cissé, where the Charter was founded, is the only appropriate place for the celebration.

DECISION:

THE CELEBRATION OF THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHARTER WILL TAKE PLACE IN CISSE OR WILL NOT TAKE PLACE AT ALL.

b. Cissé in the presidium

France has a seat in the presidium. In principle the mayor of Cisse will present in the presidium meeting. If she cannot be there, a substitute of the mayor will participate.

DECISION:

CISSE WILL BE REPRESENTED IN THE PRESIDUM BY THE MAYOR OR A SUBSITUTE.

c. Moravce.

Moravce until now never fulfilled the obligations of the Charter. The presidium thinks it's enough and will ask the representative of Moravce to talk with his mayor. If there will be no clear answer, the Charter will break with Moravce and search for another village in Slovenia.

DECISION:

IN THE MAYORS MEETING ON SUNDAY JUNE 14TH THERE HAS TO BE A CLEAR ANSWER FROM MORAVCE CONCERNING THERE MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHARTER AND ABOUT FULLFILLING THE OBLIGATIONS.

d. Meeting in Strzyzow.

Stryzow will show a presentation concerning the next annual meeting in the mayors meeting on Sunday.

It's clear now that for Ockelbo it will be hard to come to the Polish meeting, because at the same time their princess Victoria will marry a man from Ockelbo.

DECISION:

- 1. THE PRESIDENT WILL ASK OCKELBO IF THEY CAN SEND A SMALL DELEGATION TO STRYZOW**
- 2. THE PRESIDENT WILL INFORM THE POLISH MAYOR ABOUT THIS.**

e. Big meetings 2013 /2014.

The presidium will ask the mayors meeting to think about who wants to organize the big annual meetings in 2013 and 2014.

DECISION:

THE PRESIDUM WILL ASK THE MAYORS MEETING ON SUNDAY JUNE 14TH TO THINK ABOUT WHO WANTS TO ORGANISE THE BIG SUMMER MEETINGS 2013 AND 2014.

Helma
June 20th 2009