



European **Walled** Towns

DRAFT Minutes of the 48th Executive Meeting – Ravenna 30th September – 3rd October 2015

Executive Meeting

Members present during the Annual General Meeting

Name & Surname	Country
Chris Winter	Wells - UK
Vicky Macdonald	Conwy – UK
Mary Jones	Denbigh - UK
Veronique Stern	Hellevoetsluis - Netherlands
Jan Arie Meyer	Hellevoetsluis - Netherlands
Medwyn Jones	Denbigh – UK
David Warburton	York - UK
James Bruce	Berwick Upon Tweed - UK
Lawrence Attard	Birgu (Vittoriosa) - Malta
Bill Chapman	Conwy Wales – UK
Nigel Brown	Chichester – UK
Doris Norton	Chichester – UK
Trevor Hallett	Tenby Wales – UK
Vincent Zammit	Malta
Tony French	Chichester – UK
Anne Scicluna	Vice President
Joe Spiteri	President
Andrew Grima	Secretary General
David Bruce	Bristol - UK
Hasan Hüseyin Erdönmez	Osmangazi - Turkey
Sezai Özokutanoglu	Osmangazi - Turkey
Şenol Dülger	Osmangazi - Turkey

Agenda Item 1 – President’s Introduction and Welcome

President, Mr. Joe Spiteri, welcomed and thanked all members for attending the executive meeting. Joe gave an overview of what had happened during the past 6 months mentioning also the resignation of the three Dutch towns. Mr. Spiteri stated that he appointed a new Secretary General and informed the former secretariat members that their service is no longer needed. Following this matter a backlog of work was still pending and between May and July mostly all that work was done and we kept all members updated.

The president said that some changes must be affected through the structures and workings of the EWT Executive Committee.



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Changes to the NGO registration document have been concluded and the document was put before the AGM for approval and if that is approved we will register the EWT as an NGO according to the Maltese law.

The secretariat received no nominations for the post of vice president following the resignation of one of the vice presidents, no nomination for a treasurer and only one nomination for president was received which was from Joe Spiteri.

All funds from the Netherlands we transferred successfully to a new Bank account in Malta.

Joe mentioned that a complete new user friendly website was recently introduced.

Agenda Item 2 - Apologies & Correspondence

Apologies for absence were received from Piran and Elvas, Karlovac, Nicosia Municipality, Peter Osborne MBE and John Price MBE. Correspondence was received Conwy council supporting the association and it's future.

Agenda Item 3 – Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held in Chichester in 2014

David Bruce gave a brief of the 47th Virtual Executive Meeting. Minutes of 47th (Virtual) Executive were agreed with an amendment to acknowledge that more than the listed participants had taken part. Minutes were unanimously approved.

Agenda Item 4 – Financial report 2014

Following a verbal report from Tony French, the meeting acknowledged that due to missing information on expenditure the 2014 accounts would be retrospectively prepared in a summary form, Frank Petter (Treasurer to April 2015) would be asked to assist in this. A 2015 account would be prepared by the new Treasurer, assisted by the interim treasurer's team – Medwyn Jones and Tony French.

Balance sheets from 2012 & 2013, which was received from the former treasure will be sent to all members together with a clear breakdown of the AGM expenses and a Bank statement.

The number of Secretariat have gone down, secretariat expenses for the AGM has gone down, secretariat used to have 5 members, now it has only two members.

Approximately €20,000 was currently available to the EWT.

Management & Fee Structure changes

President proposed and the meeting accepted that the Executive Committee as presently constituted would cease to exist. Instead a Management Committee consisting of the Elected Officers – president, two vice presidents, and treasurer and also the secretary general, the president's academic adviser, the president's adviser and an elected representative of individual members would help the President in the day-to-day management and the preparation and review



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of future plans of European Walled Towns. It would review European Walled Towns finances every quarter and would report to and be endorsed by the EWT Annual General Meeting.

The role of membership Secretary, charged with ensuring communication with members and records of who had paid was to be assigned within the Management Committee.

The need for a membership Programme Secretary role was acknowledged and agreed to.

Membership and fee structure

A revised paper on the proposed new Membership and fee structure was requested, which would clarify the point that all paid members – whether towns, links, networks, individuals or associations would be entitled to vote.

Individual members will not have a separate vote individually but only one vote by their representative which was agreed to.

Presentation

‘Viewing York’s walls in the past, the present and the future’ – by David Warburton