

**MINUTES OF A MEETING  
OF THE PENDLE TWINNING ASSOCIATION  
HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, NELSON  
ON 27<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2011**

*PRESENT –*

*The Worshipful the Mayor – Councillor N. Ahmed  
Mr D. Carter – (Chairman, in the Chair)*

*Councillor J. David  
Mrs J. David  
Councillor A. Kerrigan  
Mr R. Oliver  
Mr E. Myers*

*Councillor (Mrs )K. Shore  
Mr A. Leo  
Dr B. Evans  
Mr R. Badman  
Mr A. Hague*

*(Apologies for absence were received from Mrs E. Yates, Councillor J. Eyre, Mr A. Reeves, Mr P. and Mrs C. Clegg, Mr. P. Mousdale, Mrs J. Myers and Mr P. Langstroth.)*



**1.**

**MINUTES**

**AGREED**

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2011 be approved as a correct record.

**2.**

**TWINNING PROGRESS**

A summary of twinning progress had been circulated with the Agenda papers.

Sam Cleasby and Lorna Shaw had returned from their two weeks at the summer school in Compeigne in July. Lorna attended the meeting and answered members' questions about the trip. Sam was on holiday but it was hoped he would come to the next meeting.

The five young people and two leaders that went to Dakhla from 15<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> July attended the meeting to talk about the "Youth for Peace" event. Chris Sergeant, one of the leaders, a PE Teacher from Pendle Vale, gave a very informative presentation about the programme, which included water sports and sight-seeing, and the group's experiences. Six countries took part including Palestine, Senegal, France, Germany, Morocco and England. He thanked the Committee on behalf of the group for supporting their visit and enabling them to take part and make so many friends. A follow-up event was planned to take part in Creil in 2012.

The Mayor of Dakhla had sent a present for the Mayor of Pendle which would be presented to him the following morning. Dakhla and Senegal wanted to work more in partnership with the towns/countries represented at the event. Chris Sergeant had got on well with a teacher from the Hassan II secondary school in Dakhla who was helping with the event and he hoped that the two schools would keep in touch. The

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group felt that friendships made would continue and a Facebook page had already been created for people who had gone on the trip. The group had been followed by a photographer and a national film crew for some of the time. Before they left each member of the group was given a CD of video clips and lots of photographs as a memento. A copy would be forwarded to the Committee.

The Chairman reported on the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations in Marl. The weekend had gone very well. There was a two-day concert, with performers from Marl's twin towns and fireworks on the Saturday evening. The Pendle group, KENT, were very well received. The Huls Foundation was thinking about funding a musical workshop next year and inviting KENT back to Marl to play with other musicians from Creil, Marl and Hungary who also performed at the weekend. Barry Evens circulated a postcard to commemorate the event which had a special postmark and a picture of the Town's Charter.

Accommodation had been found for Annemarie Mentken for her 5 week stay in September. She was arriving a week early on 28<sup>th</sup> August to do some sight-seeing before starting work at Walton Lane Children's Centre on 5<sup>th</sup> September. Cllr Kerrigan said she was hosting Annemarie for the last 2 weeks of her stay and was looking forward to showing her round the area. Ted Myers said he and his wife would take her out one evening.

Further discussions had taken place with Creil and Marl about the proposed Liverpool trip in 2012. The Ranfts and Anciants would prefer the trip to start on 13<sup>th</sup> May so that they could come but this would mean the Vorholts could not be able to come.

Creil was organising a half marathon in October/November 2012 and would be asking Pendle to send 2 or 3 young people to take part.

The Chairman reported that, following the request made at the last meeting, the Fisher More Head Teacher had raised the subject of twinning at the Heads' Group meeting. The Group wanted to know more about Twining and had asked for a representative from the Association to attend one of their future meetings, which were held every other Friday morning. The Schools had just broken up so the next meeting would be in September. The Chair of the Heads' group for the next academic year was Steve Wilson, Head Teacher at Pendle Vale.

## **RESOLVED**

- (1) That the Chairman and Mr R. Oliver attend a future meeting of the Heads' Group in September 2011.
- (2) That Marl and Creil be asked to agree between themselves which date they would prefer for the Liverpool trip and if they would prefer four rather than three nights.

## **3.**

## **FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

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It was reported that the Association had a credit balance of £1,850.51.

**4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Barry Evans said that the Marl Philatelic Society produced a newsletter and invited Members to read it. He said they were a very active society and were organising a joint stamp exhibition in October to coincide with the Volksparkfest.

**RESOLVED**

**5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed that the next twinning meeting be held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2011 at 5.30p.m. at Nelson Town Hall.