MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PENDLE TWINNING ASSOCIATION HELD AT NELSON TOWN HALL, NELSON ON 16TH FEBRUARY, 2016

PRESENT -

David Carter, in the Chair

Mr P. Clegg Mr R. Rostron Mr M. Timberlake Mrs C. Clegg Mr I. Graham Councillor Nadeem Ahmed

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors K. E. Shore and R. E. Carroll, *Mr* E. Myers, *Mrs J. Myers*, *Mr P. Langstroth*, *Mr B. Harrison*, *Mr A. Leo*, and *Dr B. Evans.*)

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MINUTES

1.

AGREED

That the Minutes of the Twinning Committee meeting, held on 16th December 2015 be approved as a correct record, subject to the addition of a sentence at the end of paragraph one of the twinning update, explaining that the travel costs of the six members of the Marl Twinning Association had been paid for by their Association.

2. TWINNING UPDATE

Peter Langstroth was liaising with Colne Horticultural Society, the Colne Allotment Society and other interested parties on developing a horticultural link with Marl and Creil. An update would be given at the next meeting.

The Carlisle trip had been cancelled, partly due to expensive flights from Germany and partly due to only 4 Pendle twinning members taking part this time, making the trip less viable. Michael Timberlake said he had just been on a trip with the Colne Orpheus Choir staying in Fort William for four nights with transport included for £200 organised by Alpha Tours in Chorley. Members agreed this seemed good value for money.

It was suggested that twinning members and walkers from Creil and Marl be invited to visit Pendle for part of the Walking Festival in August. It was hoped that Sue and Chris Marshall, Walking Leaders who had taken part in the Oise Forest walk in the autumn, might be able to help in finding accommodation with other walkers, along with twinning members.

RESOLVED

- (1) That Creil be asked if it wanted to organise the 2017 twinning trip for members or would prefer Pendle to arrange an alternative to Carlisle.
- (2) That when arranging future twinning trips Alpha Tours in Chorley be approached for costings.

(3) That twinning members and walkers from Creil and Marl be invited to visit Pendle in August for part of the Walking Festival.

3. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Honorary Secretary reported that the current balance was £604.07.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr R. Rostron said that he would be stepping down as a Committee member of the Pendle Twinning Association in 2016/17. He would still be able to host twinning guests and asked to be kept informed of future activities. The Charman on behalf of all the Members of the Committee thanked Mr Rostron for his long service and generous contribution to twinning over many years.

5. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on 20th April at 5.30p.m.