

**MINUTES OF A MEETING  
OF THE PENDLE TWINNING ASSOCIATION  
HELD AT NELSON TOWN HALL, NELSON  
ON 20<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2016**

**PRESENT –**

*His Worship the Mayor of Pendle (Councillor Nawaz Ahmed)  
David Carter, in the Chair*

*Mr P. Clegg*

*Dr B. Evans*

*Mr J. David*

*Mrs J. David*

*Councillor R. E. Carroll*

*Mrs C. Clegg*

*Mr I. Graham*

*Mr P. Langstroth*

*Councillor (Mrs) K. Shore*

*(Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Nadeem Ahmed, Mr E. Myers, Mrs J. Myers and Mr B. Harrison.)*



**1.**

**MINUTES**

**AGREED**

That the Minutes of the Twinning Committee meeting, held on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2016 be approved as a correct record.

**2.**

**TWINNING UPDATE**

An update on twinning projects had been circulated with the agenda. A further update was given at the meeting.

Peter Langstroth was liaising with Colne Horticultural Society, Earby and District Horticultural Society, the Colne Allotment Society and other interested parties in Pendle on developing a horticultural link with Marl and Creil. Further discussions were needed with the various organisations to determine how best to proceed.

A French teacher from Pendle Vale was hoping to join Twinning Members in Creil in June to meet teachers at the Collège Michelet and discuss a possible school link.

The Head of the Creative and Digital Department at Nelson and Colne College was also interested in visiting Creil that weekend and exhibiting some of her students' work at the joint Arts Exhibition planned at the town's gallery. This would help to further develop the artistic link Pendle had been developing with Creil over recent years.

Members were keen to encourage both links to improve communication between schools, colleges, teachers and young people in the twin towns.

Rebecca Robertson and Catherine Fothergill had been chosen to represent Pendle at the Summer School in France from 8<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> July. The participants were each contributing £100 towards the cost of their flights. The Association would pay the remaining travel costs and 200 Euros each towards the programme. Creil Twinning Association was paying the remaining programme costs of 150 Euros.

Walking Leaders had been asked if they would be interested in hosting walkers from Creil and Marl taking part in Pendle's Walking Festival in August. Only the couple who visited Creil last year for the Oise Forest walk had volunteered accommodation. Nevertheless, some twinning members had offered to put people up, so it was felt that walkers from both towns should be invited for a few days at the start of the Festival.

Members were delighted that the Pendle Youth Choir were visiting Marl in October 2017 and noted their intention to fund raise for the trip. Marl Twinning Association had committed 1000-1500 Euros towards the trip. Members said they would at least want to match this generous contribution.

Creil had again invited four walkers from Pendle to take part in the annual L'Oise Forest walk in September. This year it was likely to take place 17/18 or 24/25 September. The exact dates would be announced shortly.

### **RESOLVED**

- (1) That P. Langstroth be asked to continue his discussions with the various horticultural groups in Pendle and to report back at the next meeting; and in the meantime, if he felt it useful, a meeting be arranged with all the interested parties to discuss how best to proceed.
- (2) That the Association pay half the travel costs towards the Pendle Vale French teacher's flight to Creil in June to pursue a possible link with teachers from the Collège Michelet.
- (3) That the Association pay half the travel costs of the N&CC teacher transporting her students' artwork to Creil in June.
- (4) That £600 be awarded to Pendle Youth Choir towards their travel and accommodation costs of visiting Marl in October 2017, and funds allowing, that the same amount be granted in 2017/18.
- (5) That the flight and programme costs allowing two young people to attend the Summer School in July be noted.
- (6) That walkers from Creil and Marl be invited to Pendle's Walking Festival for a few days Friday to Tuesday/Wednesday around the opening weekend.
- (7) That 4 walkers be sought for the Oise Forest walk in September, once the dates were confirmed.

### **3. FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

The Honorary Secretary reported that the current balance was £614.07. Pendle Council had confirmed a grant of £1,500 for 2016/17 and this would be paid into the Association's account in the next week.

### **4. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

It was agreed that the AGM would be held on 15<sup>th</sup> June at 5.30p.m. with a twinning meeting held immediately afterwards.