

**MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE PENDLE TWINNING ASSOCIATION
HELD AT NELSON TOWN HALL, NELSON
ON 15TH JUNE, 2016**

PRESENT –

David Carter

*Mr I. Graham
Mr B. Harrison
Dr B. Evans
Councillor D. Whalley*

*Mr A. Leo
Mr M. Timberlake
Councillor K. E. Shore (Mrs)*

(Apologies for absence were received from Mr P. Langstroth, Mr P. Clegg, Mrs C. Clegg, Councillors R. E. Carroll and Nadeem Ahmed, Mr J. David, Mrs J. David and Mrs P. McCormick.)



1. MINUTES

AGREED

That the Minutes of the Twinning Committee meeting, held on 20th April 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.

Discussions were progressing with horticultural/allotment groups in Pendle about setting up a link with Creil and Marl. Peter Langstroth would report back at the next meeting.

A French teacher from Pendle Vale was developing a school link with an English teacher at the Collège Michelet in Creil. Initially year 8 students were going to exchange letters or email each other with a view to speaking at lunchtimes.

The Mayor and Mayoress of Pendle, Ben Harrison, Stephen and Elaine Barnes, Fiona Standing and Joanne Eccles were visiting Creil in June. David and Alice Carter and Ian Graham and Susan Large were no longer able to go.

Unfortunately the Head of Arts and Digital Department and another teacher at Nelson and Colne College, who were planning to take some of their arts students' work to Creil for a joint exhibition, were also unable to go, in view of a visit by OFSTED in celebration of being named as the best college in the country. They were planning on sending the artwork by courier so that the artwork could still be exhibited.

Unfortunately, the Summer School from the 8th to 17th July had been cancelled. Catherine Fothergill had said she still wanted to use her flight to Paris and would make alternative arrangements. She had paid £100 towards the trip which practically

covered the cost of the flight. Rebecca Robertson would not use her flight and so a refund would be sought from the organisers.

Walkers and Twinning Members from Creil and Marl had been invited to Pendle for part of the Walking Festival in August. Unfortunately, no-one from Creil was able to come but 11 walkers from Marl including 7 young people from Bonds Beyond Borders were going to take part. They would arrive Friday 12th August and depart Tuesday 16th August. The 7 young people would stay at the Earby Youth Hostel and the Pendle Twinning Association had agreed to pay half their accommodation costs - £184. The other walkers would stay with Sue and Chris Marshall (who had taken part in the Oise Forest walk last year and were also Walking Leaders) the Rodney and Aileen Rostron and Peter and Caroline Clegg. Members noted that the young people might need help with transport to and from some of the walks.

Three people from Pendle would join the walk in the Oise Forest. They had booked Ryanair flights departing Friday 16th September returning on Monday 19th September. There was still one place left if anyone was interested.

Members were asked if there were any specific items they wanted raised at the Twinning meeting in Creil on Sunday morning. Ian Graham suggested that the twinning holidays, which twin towns took turns in organising and that Members paid for themselves, be resurrected.

AGREED

That the amount that was going to be used to pay half the teachers' travel costs transporting the artwork to Creil for the Festival, be put towards the College's courier charges instead.

3. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Honorary Secretary reported that the current balance in the Twinning Account was £1728.07. £600 had already been committed from the 2016/17 budget for the Pendle Youth Choir trip to Marl in 2017. It was noted that Rodney Rostron had donated £50 to the Twinning Association (which included his and Aileen's subscription fees).

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Rodney Rostron had offered to host a cheese and wine fund raiser at his house, charging approximately £10 per ticket. Members were asked for their views.

AGREED

That Rodney Rostron be asked to propose a date for the cheese and wine evening and details circulated to Members in due course.

5. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting would be held on 17th August 2016 at 5.30p.m.