

**MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE PENDLE TWINNING ASSOCIATION
HELD AT NELSON TOWN HALL, NELSON
ON 19TH OCTOBER, 2016**

PRESENT –

Ian Graham (Vice-Chairman, in the Chair)

Mr B. Harrison

Dr B. Evans

Councillor D. Whalley

Mr E. Myers

Mr P. Clegg

Mrs C. Clegg

Councillor Nadeem Ahmed

(Apologies for absence were received from Mr D. Carter, Mrs J. Myers, Mr P. Langstroth, Mrs A. Melton and Councillors R. E. Carroll and (Mrs) K. Shore.)



1. JOHN DAVID

The Chairman referred to the recent death of long-standing twinning member John David and said how much he would be missed.

The meeting stood in silence for one minute as a mark of respect.

2. MINUTES

AGREED

That the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting and the ordinary Twinning Committee meeting held on 15th June 2016 be approved as a correct record.

3. TWINNING UPDATE

An update on twinning projects had been circulated with the agenda.

Creil and Marl were still interested in having a horticultural/allotment link with Pendle. Ian Graham said he would raise the matter with the new allotments officer in Colne and try to make some progress.

The visit of 11 walkers from Marl for part of the Walking Festival had gone well. Next year Marl wanted to bring a group of walkers for the whole week. The Creil Walking Club had also expressed an interest in taking part next year. Providing accommodation in families could be a challenge and it was suggested that walking leaders and the organisers be informed, as soon as the number of participants were confirmed.

Peter and Carolyn Clegg and Robin Petty had accepted Creil Walking Club's invitation for a walk in the Oise Forest in September. Peter and Carolyn gave an account of the walking weekend and some of the places they visited. Robin had also enjoyed the visit and offered to host twinning visitors to Pendle in the future.

Discussions were underway about a possible visit to Marl early next year for the Council's Environmental Services Manager to learn about the way the town managed its waste collection, with a view to there being a return visit to Pendle.

Pendle was likely to be invited to Marl for the weekend 10-12 March to coincide with the opening of Aileen Rostron's art exhibition. However, Pendle Youth Choir was visiting Marl in October 2017 and Marl had said previously that Pendle would be invited around that time to watch them perform. The Twinning Association has also been told to note that there would be a school band concert in Marl around the 22-24th September 2017.

Members discussed the suggestion by the Greenhorns in Marl to visit Pendle at Easter. In the past the Greenhorns had considered playing at the Blues Festival but Eastertime was a much better time for them to travel.

The Twinning Association in Marl were able to apply for a grant from the German government (up to 5000 euros) for a project with Pendle to take place between 1st August 2017 and 31st July 2018. They wondered about comparing the structural changes in the districts post Brexit around the time of the Walking Festival in August 2017.

AGREED

- (1) That the Pendle Youth Orchestra and Pendle Youth Choir be asked if they would be interested in playing with the Greenhorns and hosting them next Easter or the year after, if next year was too soon.
- (2) That Marl be asked to clarify if the March visit would be the main visit for 2017 to which Twinning Members and the Mayor would be invited and not around the visit of the Pendle Youth Choir in October.

4. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Honorary Secretary reported that the current balance in the Twinning Account was £1050.89.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Ben Harrison said that he understood Marl were holding a Cycle Festival in July 2017 and would be interested in finding out more about it.

Members were informed that Robert Oliver had resigned from the Committee in view of increased work commitments with Barrowford Parish Council.

AGREED

- (1) That Marl be asked for more information about the Cycle Festival next July and whether a group of cyclists from Pendle would be welcome to take part.
- (2) That Robert Oliver be thanked for his contribution to twinning over many years.

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DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting would be held on 14th December 2016 at 5.30p.m. at Nelson Town Hall.