

**MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE PENDLE TWINNING ASSOCIATION
HELD AT NELSON TOWN HALL, NELSON
ON 14TH DECEMBER, 2016**

PRESENT –

David Carter (Chairman, in the Chair)

*Mr B. Harrison
Councillor D. Whalley
Mrs J. David
Mr M. Timberlake*

*Mr P. Clegg
Mrs C. Clegg
Mr I. Graham*

(Apologies for absence were received from Dr B. Evans.)



1. MINUTES

AGREED

That the Minutes of the Twinning meeting held on 19th October 2016 be approved as a correct record.

2. TWINNING UPDATE

Colne Allotments Society was meeting the same evening to discuss establishing a link with allotment societies in Creil and Marl. They were thinking of having a project working with young people in schools and wondered whether this was something Creil and Marl would be interested in working on alongside them. The Allotments Officer said he would report back on their discussions.

Discussions were still underway about a possible visit to Marl 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 had now been formally invited to Marl for the weekend 10-12 March to coincide with the opening of Aileen Rostron's art exhibition. The Mayor of Marl would also be laying a commemorative plaque in memory of John David. The Mayor and Mayoress had accepted the invitation. Ben Harrison and Judith David both said they would like to go.

Members again discussed the suggestion by the young Marl group, the Greenhorns, 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. It was agreed that it would be better for the Greenhorns to visit Pendle the following year, after Pendle Youth Choir's October 2017 visit to Marl. It was hoped that after meeting the Greenhorns, and maybe performing with them, that the Choir might want to be involved in the arrangements for a 2018 visit to Pendle.

Ian Graham suggested that the cycling clubs in Marl and Creil might be interested in watching the Grand Prix in Colne on Wednesday evening, 26th July 2017. Judith David said that there might be other cycling events one weekend which might

interest them. The Steven Burke cycling track was also mentioned as a possible draw.

AGREED

- (1) That the Council's Tourism Officer be asked for any details of cycling events taking place in Pendle in 2017.
- (2) That the cycling clubs in Marl and Creil be informed about Pendle's 2017 cycling calendar, particularly the Colne Grand Prix, and asked if they wanted to watch or get involved.

3. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Honorary Secretary reported that the current balance in the Twinning Account was £1090.89.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Members were informed that Peter Langstroth had resigned from the Committee in view of increasing family commitments.

The British-German Association was running a one-day conference at Bristol's City Hall on Friday 12th May 2017 aimed at the British-German town twinning community. Topics for discussion would include what makes an active twinning association, broadening the scope to different parts of the community and strengthening links between local authorities and twinning associations. Further information would be circulated in due course in case anyone was interested in representing the Association.

AGREED

That Peter Langstroth be thanked for his contribution to twinning over the years.

5. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting would be held on 15th February 2017 at 5.30p.m. at Nelson Town Hall.