

**MINUTES OF A MEETING  
OF THE PENDLE TWINNING ASSOCIATION  
HELD AT NELSON TOWN HALL, NELSON  
ON 14<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2017**

**PRESENT –**

*His Worship the Mayor – Councillor D. Whalley  
Mr D. Carter – Chairman, in the Chair*

*Mr I. Graham  
Mr B. Harrison  
Dr B. Evans*

*Councillor J. Starkie  
Mrs J. Starkie  
Mr M. Timberlake*

*(Apologies for absence were received from Mrs J. David, Mr A. Leo, Mr N. Hunt, Mr E. Myers and Mrs J. Myers.)*



**1. MINUTES**

**AGREED**

That the Minutes of the Twinning meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2017 be approved as a correct record.

**2. TWINNING UPDATE**

Members were given an update on events planned for the coming year. Details had been circulated with the agenda.

Members discussed the invitation to the Creil Festival on 25<sup>th</sup> June and the itinerary for the weekend which included a ceremony and dinner to celebrate 10 years of twinning with Chorzow. The Mayor and Mayoress of Pendle had accepted the invitation but unfortunately no twinning members were able to attend this time.

Flights had been booked for the two students representing Pendle at the Summer School in Beauvais in July. They were paying for their own flights. The Association had agreed to pay their participation fee, with a small contribution from Creil Twinning Association.

There were discussions about the 8 walkers from Creil and 1 walker from Marl who were visiting Pendle in August to take part in the Walking Festival. Members were asked to help out with the trips to and from the airport and walks. Walkers were being hosted in Members' homes but it was agreed that the Association should pay for some hospitality one evening – maybe on the Saturday night. It was also suggested that the walkers meet for the Festival launch on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August at 10am at the Lakeside Café, Ball Grove Park and then go on walks from there.

No further news had been received about the proposed Youth Event in Chorzow in August/September. It was looking unlikely that it would go ahead at such short notice.

Arrangements were going well for the Pendle Youth Choir to visit Marl at the end of October. The Mayor and Mayoress would be going to see them perform. Philip

Mousdale and the Environmental Services Manager from Pendle Council would also be visiting Marl then to learn more about the town's waste collection service. This was part of the administration link with Marl.

A Facebook page had been set up for allotment groups/individuals in Creil, Marl and Pendle holders to post pictures and information as a first step to having a horticultural link.

Ben Harrison had spoken to members of his running club, Trawden Athletics Club, about inviting six runners from Marl to take part in the Pendle Running Festival in July. Unfortunately Marl had not been able to find anyone to take part this year but it was agreed that runners from Marl and Creil could be invited to future running events or maybe the Pendle Triathlon.

Art teachers from Nelson and Colne College had agreed to exchange ideas with a teacher in Marl this summer about a joint arts project. There was also the intention of involving Creil in the future.

Enquiries were being made on behalf of Marl about accommodation and coach hire for 25-30 people visiting Pendle next June. This would give people the opportunity to see more of the area.

### **3. FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

The Honorary Secretary reported that the current balance in the Twinning Account was £1845.89.

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

The next meeting would be held on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2017 at 5.30p.m. at Nelson Town Hall.