

**MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE PENDLE TWINNING ASSOCIATION
HELD AT NELSON TOWN HALL, NELSON
ON 13TH JUNE, 2018**

PRESENT –

*His Worship the Mayor – Councillor J. K. Starkie
Mr D. Carter - Chairman*

*Mr I. Graham
Ms S. Large
Dr B. Evans
Mrs J. David*

*Mrs C. Clegg
Councillor (Mrs) K. Shore
Mr P. Clegg*

(Apologies for absence were received from Mr R. Rostron and Councillor P. McCormick.)



1. MINUTES

AGREED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 14th February 2018 be approved as a correct record.

2. TWINNING UPDATE

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

The Mayor of Pendle and Mrs J. David reported back on the recent visit of the Creil choir, C4, at the invitation of Pendle Youth Choir. C4 had stayed at the Whitehough Outdoor Centre, run by Burnley Football in the Community, who had provided a day of various activities and workshops so that the young people from both choirs could get to know each other. On Saturday evening there had been a joint performance of the Nelson Arion Choir, the Pendle Youth Choir and Children's Choir and C4 at St Peter's Church in Burnley. The C4 choir had also performed at the Holy Trinity Baptist Chapel in Colne on Sunday morning. The visit was considered by all those who saw them as a great success. There was talk of the 2 choirs developing this link and Pendle Youth Choir visiting Creil in the future.

Rodney and Aileen Rostron were attending the Creil Festival on 17th June. Aileen Rostron would be exhibiting her paintings at the Matisse Gallery to coincide with the event.

Creil had said that this year their official invitation for the Mayor to visit would be in November to mark the 100 anniversary of the end of WW1. The Mayor said he was waiting to hear the exact dates to see if it clashed with commemorative events in Pendle.

Members were looking forward to seeing the group from Marl arrive on 18th June. One of the function rooms at the Fence Gate had been booked for a reception drink and meal at 7pm with a welcome by the Mayor of Pendle and a performance by the

Pendle Youth Choir. Some members were going to Liverpool with them later in the week, and joining them on Wednesday for their visit around Pendle, which included a canal cruise, a visit to the Heritage Centre and a tour around Bowland Brewery in Clitheroe.

Twinning Members were asked to spread the word to walkers in Pendle about the invitation from Creil to take part in the Oise Forest walk on 15th and 16th September. Walkers would just need to pay for their travel as accommodation and most meals were provided by the Creil Twinning Association and Creil Walking Club.

Creil had decided not to participate in the Pendle Walking Festival this year. It was thought that walkers from Marl might be coming in August, in which case, hosts would be needed.

The Mayor of Pendle had been invited to the Volksparkfest on 3rd October and would be attending with the Mayoress and the Honorary Secretary. It was expected that Twinning members would also be invited in due course.

At the last meeting it was reported how Aileen Rostron's donation of £500 would be used towards funding exchanges for young people from Pendle to improve their languages. Rodney was not able to come to the meeting but said he had met with the Head of Languages at Park High School about supporting individual exchanges. They were to have further discussions and he would report back any progress to the next meeting.

It was understood that Marl was organising a holiday to Bavaria in September/October 2019 but there was no more detail at the moment.

RESOLVED

That David Wilkinson be thanked and congratulated for organising the extremely successful visit from the French choir C4 and the Pendle Youth and Children's choir be thanked for their wonderful performance at St Peter's Church and for making the choir so welcome.

4. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Honorary Secretary reported that the current balance in the Twinning Account was £1,248.78, including £500 set aside for a foreign language project. It was understood that a grant of £1,500 from Pendle Council would be received shortly.

5. DATES OF FUTURE MEETING

The next meeting would be held on 15th August 2018 at 5.30p.m. at Nelson Town Hall.