

**MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE PENDLE TWINNING ASSOCIATION
HELD AT NELSON TOWN HALL, NELSON
ON 13TH FEBRUARY, 2019**

PRESENT –

Mr I. Graham – (Vice-Chairman, in the Chair)

*Mr T. Myers
Cllr K. Hartley*

Dr B. Evans

(Apologies for absence were received from Mr D. Carter, Mr and Mrs Clegg, Mr R. Rostron and Mrs J. Myers.)



1. MINUTES

AGREED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 17th October 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 Deputy Mayor of Marl and his wife were coming to the Mayor's Ball on Friday 1st March, arriving Friday and leaving Sunday lunchtime. Ingrid Heinen and Hedi Mengert from the Twinning Association were accompanying them. Councillor Hafida Mehadji and Julie Legrand were representing the Mayor of Creil. There were discussions about the official programme for the weekend. Enquiries had been made about a possible visit to Northlight and In Situ on Friday afternoon. Cllr K. Hartley said he could try to arrange a visit to Rolls Royce on Saturday, which Members thought was a good idea.

Rodney Rostron had not heard back yet from Park High School about the possibility of funding foreign language student exchange trips with the money Aileen had raised selling her paintings.

In the meantime, a new French teacher at Colne Primet Academy had been in touch to say she was keen to have a link with a school in Creil. Nicolle was making enquiries so that teachers and pupils could make contact.

Teachers from the French Department at N&CC and the English Department at the Lycée Jules Uhry in Creil were arranging for their 16-17yr students to make contact. They hoped that in the future this would lead to an exchange.

This year the Pendle Walking Festival was being held on 10th-18th August. Nicolle had said that there might be some walkers from Creil wanting to take part this year. Cllr Hartley said that it would be good if twinning visitors could join in the Beating the Bounds annual walk.

Unfortunately the number of people interested in going to Bavaria had reduced from 13 to 3, and those 3 had yet to confirm. Hedi has asked for names and 250 Euro deposits by 1st March.

The Pendle Youth Choir was celebrating its 70th anniversary this year. Part of its anniversary celebrations was a trip to Paris in October to sing in Chartres Cathedral and Madeleine Church and hoped that the C4 choir in Creil would be able to join them for one of the performances. They were also hoping to arrange a joint concert in Creil. They would stay in a hotel in Paris, and whilst there visit Versailles, Eiffel Tower and the D'Orsay. The Committee was asked if it wanted to contribute to this visit to enable the two choirs to perform together and strengthen the link.

RESOLVED

- (1) That £500 be granted to the Pendle Youth Choir for their trip to Paris in October.
- (2) That Cllr K. Hartley contact Rolls Royce to see if they would be prepared to show the twinning visitors around the Rolls Royce site at Barnoldswick on Saturday morning, 2nd March.

4. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Honorary Secretary reported that the current balance in the Twinning Account was £3,161.58, including £1,000 set aside for a foreign language project.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr K. Hartley mentioned the exchange between West Craven High School and Kassel, Germany which was well supported and involved students aged between 15-18yrs. He wondered if there was scope for becoming more involved. In the first instance it was agreed that he would send the details of the Bavaria trip to the twinning group to see if anyone was interested in going.

6. DATES OF FUTURE MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for 17th April 2019 at 5.30p.m. at Nelson Town Hall.