

**MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE PENDLE TWINNING ASSOCIATION
HELD AT NELSON TOWN HALL, NELSON
ON 19TH JUNE, 2019**

PRESENT –

His Worship the Mayor – Councillor K. Hartley

*Mr I. Graham
Dr B. Evans
Mrs J. David*

*Cllr (Mrs) K. Shore
Mrs J. Starkie
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(Apologies for absence were received from Mr D. Carter, Mr P. Clegg, Mrs C. Clegg, Mr R. Rostron and Ms M. Chapman.)



1. MINUTES

AGREED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 13th February 2019 be approved as a correct record subject to Cllr (Mrs) K. Shore being included in the apologies.

2. TWINNING UPDATE

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

James and Janet Starkie reported back on their recent trip to Creil - the events of the weekend and who they had met. They had really enjoyed meeting the officials and twinning guests from Creil's twin towns and received wonderful hospitality.

They said it was a shame that the Pendle Twinning Association had not had a presence on the Twinning stall alongside Marl at the Creil Festival to promote Pendle. In the past some twinning members had taken local beer, cheese and biscuits and tourism leaflets, but this had proved more difficult in recent years when people had preferred to fly to Paris rather than drive to Creil.

Two members of the Creil Twinning Association were visiting Pendle in August for the Pendle Walking Festival. Marl had also been invited to take part. Cllr K. Hartley confirmed that the Beating the Bounds walk had been brought forward from September to Sunday 11th August to coincide with the Walking Festival.

The Mayor of Marl was expected to be formally inviting the Mayor to Marl for the Volksparkfest on 3rd October. An invitation to twinning members would follow.

Cllr K. Hartley said that whilst Rolls Royce had not been able to show the twinning visitors around their facility in March, they had said that with enough notice they would happily show another twinning group around at some time in the future.

3. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Honorary Secretary reported that the current balance in the Twinning Account was £2,554.18 including £1,000 set aside for a foreign language project.

5.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Judith David expressed concern about the future of the Twinning Association due to the age of existing members and the dwindling number. It was becoming increasingly difficult to find people willing to attend meetings, go on twinning trips organised by the twin towns, and to host people when Pendle had guests.

Members agreed that most of the events that the Twinning Association supported were organised by Creil and Marl. Funding was partly an issue but there also seemed to be little interest or enthusiasm for organising anything in Pendle which would encourage people to get involved, particularly young people.

At the moment the strongest link with the twin towns was through the Pendle Youth Choir which had visited Marl in 2018 and was visiting Creil later this year.

RESOLVED

That ideas for the reinvigoration of the Twinning Association be discussed at the next meeting.

6.

DATES OF FUTURE MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for 7th August 2019 at 5.30p.m. at Nelson Town Hall.