

**MINUTES OF A MEETING  
OF THE PENDLE TWINNING ASSOCIATION  
HELD AT NELSON TOWN HALL, NELSON  
ON 19<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2022**

**PRESENT –**

*Mr I. Graham (Chairman, in the Chair)*

*Councillor B. Newman  
Mrs. J. David  
Mr. P. Mousdale  
Mr. P. Carr*

*Mr. P. Ellis  
Mr. K. Ellis  
Mr. N. Elliott  
Mr. S. Ahmed  
Ms. H. Noonan*

*(Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Y. Iqbal, Mr. P. Clegg, Mrs. C. Clegg, Ms. A. Gander, Mrs. J. Myers, Mr. R. Rostron, and Mrs. A. Rostron.)*



**1. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED**

That the Minutes of the AGM and Ordinary meetings held on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2022 be approved as a correct record.

**3. TWINNING UPDATE**

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

Representatives of Colne 21s Football Team spoke very positively about their recent visit to Marl. It had been very well organised. Pendle Twinning Association members and the Colne 21s Football Team agreed that such a youth exchange should be repeated. Benefits of such a visit were highlighted, including a cultural exchange and the forming of respectful friendships. Mr. N. Elliott of Colne 21s Football Team advised that he would be happy to attend future Twinning meetings to support joint working between Pendle Twinning Association and their Football Club.

Twinning colouring books from Marl had arrived. Distribution to primary schools in Pendle was discussed. The Chairman suggested that Pendle primary schools each have a competition where pupils colour in the Marl, Creil and Pendle pages of the colouring book and forward their best ones to Pendle Twinning Association who would collate them and send them on to Marl.

Building Bridges Pendle spoke about the possibility of organising and hosting a digital conversation between Marl, Creil and Pendle.

Nicolle in Creil had reluctantly cancelled the trip to the Loire Castles due to insufficient interest to make it financially viable.

Development of a Pendle Twinning Association website was discussed.

On 21<sup>st</sup> September, the International Day of Peace of the United Nations, Marl's Mayor Werner Arndt inaugurated Marl's first peace pole. Inspired by their twinning, the peace pole displays the important message "May Peace prevail on Earth" in the languages of Marl's twin towns, including English. Marl plans to install two more peace poles in the coming years.

## **RESOLVED**

- (1) That a similar youth exchange be repeated through joint working between Colne 21s Football and Pendle Twinning Association.
- (2) That a covering letter about Pendle twin towns and Pendle, Marl, Creil colouring book pages be emailed out to Pendle primary schools as an educational aid.
- (3) That Building Bridges Pendle be asked to asked to organise a digital Christmas social link-up between a dozen people from Marl, Creil and Pendle. This should on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December, immediately before or after the next Twinning meeting.
- (4) That the Chairman progress the development of a Pendle Twinning Association website. This would initially involve the Chairman contacting Mr. J. Starkie to find out details of work done previously.

## **3. FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

The Honorary Secretary reported that the current balance in the Twinning Account was £7,509.18. This includes the Council's discretionary grant for 2022/23, which is £750.

## **4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Vice-Chairman and Honorary Secretary/Treasurer visited Mr. D. Carter to present him with certificates from Pendle, Creil and Marl thanking him for the tremendous job he had done as Chairman of the Twinning Committee for nearly twenty years.

The Chairman gave an update on the 2023 Members' trip to London he is working on. It would be a 5-night (ie. 6-day) trip to London, with attendees flying direct to London. He mentioned a tour of the Houses of Parliament, a river trip, a show one evening, museums and art galleries as ideas for the itinerary. He advised that he estimated the approximate cost would be £750 + air fare per person. The proposed date would be mid-end of September 2023. The Chairman advised that 40 – 45 attendees would be needed to make it viable.

## **RESOLVED**

That Nicolle in Creil and Hedi in Marl be contacted to get an early response re. interest in this Members' trip to London.

## **5. DATES OF FUTURE MEETING**

Members agreed that the next meeting should be held at 5.30p.m. on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December at the Town Hall, Nelson.