

**MINUTES OF A MEETING  
OF THE PENDLE TWINNING ASSOCIATION  
HELD AT NELSON TOWN HALL, NELSON  
ON 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2022**

**PRESENT –**

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

*Councillor Y. Iqbal  
Mrs. J. David  
Mr. P. Mousdale  
Mr. P. Carr*

*(Apologies for absence were received from Mr. P. Clegg, Mrs. C. Clegg, Ms. A. Gander and Councillor B. Newman.)*



**1. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED**

That the Minutes of the AGM and Ordinary meetings held on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2022 be approved as a correct record.

**2. TWINNING UPDATE**

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

A covering letter about Pendle twin towns and Pendle, Marl, Creil colouring book pages and information about Pendle Twinning Association had been emailed out to all Pendle primary schools as an educational aid. The Chairman advised West Street School in Colne planned to send in some coloured pages to Pendle Twinning Association. They would then be forwarded on to Marl with a note that the twin town colouring pages had been distributed to all primary schools in Pendle. The Vice-Chairman advised that she would visit Wheatley Lane School in 2023 to follow up this colouring book initiative.

The Chairman mentioned that a teacher at West Street School was voluntarily teaching French to their Years 6, 5 and 4. The Chairman thought this might lead to the pupils wanting to correspond with schoolchildren from Creil.

Building Bridges Pendle had been really busy with their core work and hence they were unable to organise and host a digital Christmas social link-up between Marl, Creil and Pendle. Instead, Building Bridges Pendle felt it would work better in the New Year with a theme to the digital conversation, like Marl did with the human cardboard cut-outs in International Week against Racism. Pendle Twinning members discussed a possible theme and who could get involved from Pendle. Members felt it needed to be relevant to twinning. One possible theme mentioned was international relations. Members highlighted that encouraging young people to

be involved in twinning was one of its main priorities. The Honorary Secretary said that one-off projects, like a youth football exchange, might be the best way to involve young people.

2 Twinning members had accepted the kind invite to visit Marl in May 2023.

Photo of the visit by the Vice-Chairman and Honorary Secretary/Treasurer to present certificates from Pendle, Creil and Marl thanking David Carter for the tremendous job he had done as Chairman of the Twinning Committee for nearly twenty years had been published in the Leader Times.

## **RESOLVED**

- (1) That Colne 21s Football be contacted for an update on their possible plans for a twin town youth football exchange.
- (2) That Building Bridges Pendle be asked to organise and host a digital conversation at their premises involving young people from Pendle, for example, from Marsden Heights School, and members of Pendle, Marl and Creil Twinning Associations.
- (3) That Marl be asked for details of the itinerary for the May 2023 visit there.

## **3. FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

The Honorary Secretary reported that the current balance in the Twinning Account was £7,559.18. This includes the Council's discretionary grant for 2022/23, which is £750.

## **4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Nicolle in Creil advised that 7 people from Creil were interested in attending the proposed Members' trip to London in 2023, provided it was the week from 25<sup>th</sup> to the 30<sup>th</sup> September. Hedi in Marl had advised most Marl twinning members were reluctant to participate in the Members' trip to London in September 2023 due to the economic situation and expecting it to get even worse. There were 10 people in Marl interested in going. Hedi thought therefore that the trip to London should be postponed. Ingrid in Marl suggested plans for 2024 perhaps be discussed during the visit to Marl in May 2023. The Chairman advised that to be viable, the Members' trip needed 45 people. It was felt this total number would not be reached for a 2023 trip.

The Chairman mentioned research he had already done. He had found a number of hotels in the required price range, but they would not guarantee prices for September 2023 so far in advance. He had identified a 3 day ticket with a London bus company that was hop-on hop-off and ran throughout the day and night for a total cost of £30 per person. Tickets, including those for a river cruise from The Tower of London to Westminster, had also been identified.

## **RESOLVED**

That the proposed Members' trip to London be postponed until 2024 and that Nicolle in Creil and Hedi in Marl be informed.

**5.**

**DATES OF FUTURE MEETING**

Members agreed that the next meeting should be held at 5.30p.m. on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023 – venue to be confirmed.