

**MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE PENDLE TWINNING ASSOCIATION
HELD AT NELSON TOWN HALL, NELSON
ON 15TH FEBRUARY, 2023**

PRESENT –

Mr I. Graham (Chairman, in the Chair)

*Councillor B. Newman
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 Y. Iqbal)



1. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 7th December 2022 be approved as a correct record.

2. TWINNING UPDATE

An update on twinning events had been circulated prior to the meeting.

The Chairman mentioned that further to all Pendle primary schools being emailed Pendle, Marl, Creil colouring book pages, West Street School in Colne had wanted to participate in the colouring in. Unfortunately they had not had the opportunity due to Christmas and staff sickness. Year 6 pupils (10 – 11 year-olds) at West Street School were keen to correspond with a school in Creil to practise their French. Pendle Twinning Association was liaising with Nicolle in Creil on this. The Chairman felt that once it had been established which school in Creil would be interested, the 2 schools should be encouraged to communicate directly with each other to decide whether they wanted to correspond in writing or electronically, for example, through a Teams meeting. Pendle Twinning Association could make the introductions. A member advised he would be happy to help with translation where necessary.

Re. digital conversation, Building Bridges Pendle had made contact with Marsden Heights but had struggled to get commitment at that stage. Building Bridges had been really busy themselves since January. The digital link-up was something that Building Bridges wanted to do, but they did not want to commit to anything until they had a concrete idea to come back to Pendle Twinning Association with.

Re. the visit to Marl in May 2023, Hedi had provided some itinerary details. On the first evening there would be a barbecue and some people from Creil would also be

there. The officials would have their own meeting that night. The following day everyone would meet in a big school. Every town would be asked to present a future project. In the afternoon there would be a tour around a new project in Marl. It would be where they were industrialising the area where the last coal mine had been closed a few years earlier. Plans were still being made for the next day. The Chairman had spoken to Hedi and had been asked about future events. He mentioned the possible twinning trip to London in 2024.

Re. future events, there was discussion about the possibility of inviting Twinning members from Creil and Marl to Pendle. The Honorary Secretary/Treasurer advised that past visits to Creil had tended to be in June, to Marl in October, and to Pendle in March. The Chairman mentioned wanting to do more events like the online link between schools. Re. a twinning visit to Pendle, it was felt that there needed to be an event to tag on the back of.

RESOLVED

That The Chairman put together a proposal re. events going on/sights of interest/heritage in Pendle.

3. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Honorary Secretary reported that the current balance in the Twinning Account was £7, 569.18.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

5. DATES OF FUTURE MEETING

It was agreed that The Chairman would advise the date of the next meeting. It would be before the visit to Marl in May 2023.