

**MINUTES OF A MEETING  
OF THE PENDLE TWINNING ASSOCIATION  
HELD AT NELSON TOWN HALL, NELSON  
ON 11<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2023**

**PRESENT –**

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

*Mrs. J. David*

*Ms. A. Gander*

*Councillor M. Aslam*

*(Apologies for absence were received from Councillor B. Newman, Mr. P. Mousdale, Mr. M. Timberlake, Mr. P. Clegg, and Mrs. C. Clegg)*



**1. MINUTES**

**AGREED**

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2023 be approved as a correct record.

**2. TWINNING UPDATE**

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

Promoting the Twinning Association was discussed. A static page on the Council website was mentioned. The Chairman advised that he would be happy for his email address be used as contact details on a static page. Social media was talked about. A. Gander would make an enquiry about Facebook.

A. Gander had school links via the Pendle & Burnley Modern Foreign Languages Teachers Network. She would be happy to raise the profile of the Twinning Association and its work with our twin towns in Creil and Marl.

Enquiries were to be made with the Council's Policy department re. a youth worker in Pendle.

The theme of young people involved in twinning continued when discussions turned to the visit made by The Mayor and Mayoress and Vice Chair to Creil in June. Creil choir, C4, made up of young people, had given an inspiring performance there. The Mayor had advised them that he would like them to come and perform in Pendle. Contact was to be made with the C4 choir leader as to whether a small group – eg. 15 to 20 members, would be interested in performing in Pendle. Possible accommodation in Barley was mentioned.

The Chair advised he would look into funding for youth projects – eg. National Lottery, Burnley FC in the Community.

At the official meeting in Creil there had been a presentation about the International Youth Event which Creil was proposing to host in 2024 at the Carroz d'Arraches site in Creil'Alpes. It would probably be for 16 – 19 year olds, with up to approx. 5 places per twin country. The date had not yet been set.

Marl's peace pole project was also covered in the official meeting in Creil. The idea of the Chair doing a formal handover of the small peace pole to The Mayor in September 2023 was mentioned. This would be in line with Marl setting up a peace pole for the International Day of Peace of the United Nations in September.

### **RESOLVED**

That a document re. the International Youth Event 2024 and photos from the visit to Creil be forwarded to all Twinning Association members.

### **3. FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

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

### **4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Chair had been looking into plastic signs showing Pendle's twin towns. The Chair stated that he would follow this up with Highways at LCC.

The Chair advised that he had checked the costs of a trip to London in 2024. It would be approximately £1000 which was too expensive for possible twinning participants. He was therefore not going ahead with London 2024. Instead, he was looking into doing different trips from a hotel in Pendle, similar to a few years previously. He had September/October 2024 in mind.

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

Members agreed that the next meeting should be held at 5.30p.m. on Wednesday 23rd August 2023 at the Town Hall, Nelson.