

**MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE PENDLE TWINNING ASSOCIATION
HELD AT NELSON TOWN HALL, NELSON
ON 23RD AUGUST, 2023**

PRESENT –

Mr I. Graham (Chairman, in the Chair)

*Councillor B. Newman
Mr. P. Mousdale
Ms. A. Gander
Councillor M. Aslam*

*Mr. S. Ahmed
Mr. Q. Ahmed
Members of Pendle District Youth
Council*

(Apologies for absence were received from Mr. P. Clegg, and Mrs. C. Clegg).



1. MINUTES

AGREED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 11th July 2023 be approved as a correct record.

2. TWINNING UPDATE

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

The Chair welcomed Pendle District Youth Council and told them about Pendle Twinning Association, its work with our twin towns in Creil and Marl, and its focus on engaging with young people. A. Gander spoke about the International Youth Event – the last one, which she attended, and the forthcoming one in 2024.

With The Twinning Association's help, The Youth Council were interested in building relationships with possible Youth Councils in Creil and Marl.

The Youth Council also showed their interest by asking important questions about the selection process for Pendle delegates for the last International Youth event, and the procedure for twinning with Creil and Marl. These questions were answered by The Honorary Secretary.

The idea of increasing annual Twinning Association membership to £15 was discussed. The Honorary Secretary advised that this would need to be determined at the next AGM.

In terms of looking into funding for youth projects, The Chair stated that he had contacted National Lottery and they were sending him an application form. As detailed information would be needed for an application, it was decided to await further details about the International Youth Event 2024 being organised by Creil.

Once these further details were received, A. Gander would be happy to contact Pendle schools and youth workers about this International Youth Event.

A. Gander suggested young people might like to do sponsored activities eg. sponsored walks, to raise money for twinning projects such as their participation in the International Youth Event 2024.

It was agreed that The Chair would do a formal handover of Marl's small peace pole to The Mayor of Pendle at the next meeting on Wednesday 20th September 2023. 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 the Twinning Association obtains contact details for possible youth councils in Creil and Marl and forwards them to Pendle District Youth Council. Pendle, Marl, Creil colouring book pages are also to be sent to The Youth Council, as are further details re. the International Youth Event 2024 when received.

3. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Re. the trip to Pendle by Twinning members from Creil and Marl in 2024, The Chair stated that he was in discussion with a Pendle hotel re. using them as a base. Possible trips from there might include a visit to Saltaire Mill to see the Hockney exhibition. A guided tour of this Mill might also be a possibility.

5. DATES OF FUTURE MEETING

Members agreed that the next meeting should be held at 5.30p.m. on Wednesday 20th September 2023 at the Town Hall, Nelson.