

**MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE PENDLE TWINNING ASSOCIATION
HELD AT NELSON TOWN HALL, NELSON
ON 20TH SEPTEMBER, 2023**

PRESENT –

Mr I. Graham (Chairman, in the Chair)

Councillor B. Newman

Mrs. J. David

Councillor M. Aslam

(Apologies for absence were received from Ms. A. Gander, and Mr. P. Mousdale).



1. MINUTES

AGREED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd August 2023 be approved as a correct record.

2. OFFICIAL HANDOVER OF MARL'S PEACE POLE

The Chair did a formal handover of Marl's small peace pole to the Mayor of Pendle. This was in line with Marl setting up a peace pole for the International Day of Peace of the United Nations in September.

3. TWINNING UPDATE

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

A. Gander had produced a draft email for Youth Leaders and School Modern Foreign Languages Teachers re. International Youth Event 2024 at the Carrozd'Arraches site in Creil'Alpes, which she had asked to be discussed at the Twinning meeting.

For young people in the required age range and living in Pendle, Twinning members agreed that to be considered for the International Youth Event 2024, they should be asked to send in a curriculum vitae including their interests with a covering letter, saying why they would like to take part in the event and why they should be chosen to represent Pendle. They should also be given a reminder that they needed an up-to-date passport.

The Twinning Association agreed in principle that it would contribute towards the young people from Pendle's travel costs re. International Youth Event 2024. It was also agreed that these young people should also make a relatively small contribution themselves towards their travel costs.

In 2024 the International Weeks against Racism would take place from 11th March – 24th March 2024 with the motto “Human rights for all”. During this period, all Marl residents would receive their postal mail from the town of Marl and a local bank in a colourful envelope with designs or statements against racism.

The Mayor of Marl had invited groups from Pendle to design their own envelopes. There were 2 themes to choose from for the design of the envelopes:

- For diversity. Against racism!, or
- All people have rights: Human rights for everyone!

Marl had provided a colouring template. Design proposals could be submitted up until 15th December 2023.

Twinning members agreed to encourage groups from Pendle to participate in Marl's International Weeks against Racism 2024 project. It was decided that Pendle Twinning Association would choose the best 6 -12 Pendle entries and then forward them to Marl. As an incentive, participants could be issued with a certificate.

It was agreed that an English translation of Marl's leaflet about this project be obtained. Details would then be forwarded to groups in Pendle eg. schools and Building Bridges.

3. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Committee Administrator 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 advised this would be 12th September 2024 – 16th September 2024 inclusive ie. 5 full days. The Chair reported that he had been in discussion with a coach company. Early indications from Marl to The Chair were that there would be no problem in finding 15 participants from Marl.

5. DATES OF FUTURE MEETING

Members agreed that the next meeting should be held at 5.30p.m. on Wednesday 1st November 2023 at the Town Hall, Nelson.