

**MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE PENDLE TWINNING ASSOCIATION
HELD AT NELSON TOWN HALL, NELSON
ON 1ST NOVEMBER, 2023**

PRESENT –

Mr I. Graham (Chairman, in the Chair)

*Councillor B. Newman
Mr. P. Mousdale
Mr. I. Graham*

*Mrs. J. David
Mrs. C. Clegg
Ms. A. Gander*

1. *(No apologies for absence were received).*



2. **MINUTES**

AGREED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 20th September 2023 be approved as a correct record.

3. **TWINNING UPDATE**

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

The proposed International Youth Event 2024 in Marl was discussed. Pendle had been invited to participate with 4 young people (aged 15 – 18) and 1 youth leader. The date was Monday 15th July 2024 – Sunday 21st July 2024 inclusive. Marl advised this project was subject to financial funding, which they were applying for. Pendle had to confirm its intention to participate by 13th November 2023. It was agreed that this would be done by letter.

As it had previously done re. International Youth Event 2024 in Creil, which is a separate event, The Twinning Association agreed in principle that it would contribute towards the young people from Pendle's travel costs re. International Youth Event 2024 in Marl. It was also agreed that these young people should make a relatively small contribution themselves towards their travel costs.

It was agreed that young people attending either International Youth Event 2024 should live in Pendle. A. Gander advised she was happy to help find the young people and youth leader from Pendle to attend International Youth Events 2024 in Creil and Marl.

Re. Marl's envelope design project for International Weeks against Racism 2024, it was agreed that the leaflet be e-mailed to schools, Building Bridges and Pendle District Youth Council. A. Gander was happy for her email address to be given on a covering email to schools in case they would like to discuss the possibilities of twinning activities or exchanges with Creil and Marl.

Re. Marl-Pendle staff exchange, Twinning members expressed an interest in seeing the programme for the 2 Pendle staff invited to go to Marl for a visit at the end of November 2023. The focus was to be largely on urban development, probably including cycling, and some culture. Marl Twinning Committee had planned their Christmas gathering for that week so that the 2 Pendle guests could be included.

2 staff from Marl, one involved with urban planning and one with social culture were due to visit Pendle from Monday 18th March 2024 – Thursday 21st March 2024 inclusive. The Vice Chair agreed to accommodate these 2 staff. The Deputy Mayor had previously offered to do the airport transfers – eg. from Manchester Airport to Pendle and vice versa.

The Mayors of Creil and Marl, a guest each and 2 Twinning members each, had been invited to Pendle in October 2024 to mark 50 years of twinning with Creil and to mark early 30 years of twinning with Marl. The Chair agreed to accommodate the 2 Twinning members from Marl and the Vice Chair agreed to accommodate the 2 Twinning members from Creil.

3. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Honorary Secretary reported that the current balance in the Twinning Account was £7, 579.18.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A. Gander asked a question about the status of twinning between Pendle and Beit Leed. This was clarified. In December 2012 a twinning arrangement with Beit Leed was agreed and the Pendle Palestine Twinning Group were happy to carry out the administrative work involved.

Re. the trip to Pendle by Twinning members from Creil and Marl in September 2024, The Chair advised Marl had confirmed 15 participants.

5. DATES OF FUTURE MEETING

Members agreed that the next meeting should be held at 5.30p.m. on Thursday 7th December 2023 at the Town Hall, Nelson.