

**MINUTES OF A MEETING  
OF THE PENDLE TWINNING ASSOCIATION  
HELD AT NELSON TOWN HALL, NELSON  
ON 24th JANUARY, 2024**

**PRESENT –**

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

*Councillor B. Newman  
Councillor M. Aslam  
Mrs. J. David*

*Mrs. C. Clegg  
Ms. R. Smith, Pendle Community  
Orchestra*

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



2. **MINUTES**

**AGREED**

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 7th December 2023 be approved as a correct record.

3. **TWINNING UPDATE**

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

Re. International Youth Meeting 2024 in Marl (July 15<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> 2024), full details were circulated. Marl stressed that the project was dependent on funding, which they had applied for. They were hoping for approval by the end of January 2024. Participants: 2 boys and 2 girls per twin town, aged 15 – 18 and 1 group leader. The provisional programme included a variety of workshops, excursions to the Ruhr area, bike tour, Work Experience Day and spectacle of cultures. Marl were covering all costs for the participants and group leaders upon arrival in Germany, which included accommodation, catering, activities and entry fees, airport transfer and transfer in Marl. All groups were asked to prepare a short introduction video about themselves and their town. For the spectacle of cultures, each group were asked to prepare and rehearse an act (3-4 minutes) showing the culture and way of life of their town or country.

For Marl's envelope design project as part of International Weeks against Racism 2024, 155 submissions were received in total from 3 Pendle schools. Marl were delighted and thanked Pendle for distributing the project to Pendle schools. Winning groups were due to be announced by Marl in February/March 2024.

Re. 1<sup>st</sup> part of Marl-Pendle staff exchange – the visit to Marl by 2 Pendle staff, T. Wilson and J. Kelly, a press release had been drafted and was due to be issued in the near future.

For 2<sup>nd</sup> part of the Marl-Pendle staff exchange – the visit to Pendle by 2 Marl staff, B. Anders and R. Lankeit, a draft itinerary had been put together.

R. Smith from Pendle Community Orchestra attended the meeting. It was proposed that the 2 staff from Marl, one of whom was a Co-ordinator for social culture, attend a rehearsal by Pendle Community Orchestra - along with The President, Chair and Vice-Chair of Pendle Twinning Association.

A tree planting ceremony had been suggested as part of the visit by The Mayors of Creil and Marl in October 2024 to mark 50 years of twinning with Creil and to mark early 30 years of twinning with Marl. The Chair asked that the Millenium Green in Colne be considered as the site for this tree planting.

For the enquiry re. a Mr. N. Rowley mentioned in the twinning update, The Vice-Chair advised she would give this more thought as to whether she had any further information re. this.

### **3. FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

The Committee Administrator reported that the current balance in the Twinning Account was £7, 619.18.

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

Re. the trip to Pendle by Twinning members from Creil and Marl in September 2024, The Chair asked R. Smith if Pendle Community Orchestra could possibly put on a concert on the weekend which fell during the stay of the visitors in Pendle.

The Mayor wondered also about Pendle Community Orchestra performing in Victoria Park. It was decided that contact details of the Clerk at Nelson Town Council be forwarded to R. Smith.

R. Smith advised she would talk to P. Elmer, Pendle Community Orchestra Lead, re. the various proposals.

The Chair requested that all Twinning members be contacted re. forthcoming events eg. proposed Spring get-together of the Pendle Twinning Association in March 2024, that they be reminded that the membership fee had been increased to £15 for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 and reminded to pay this £15 membership fee as soon as possible.

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

Members agreed that the next meeting should be held at 5.30p.m. on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at the Town Hall, Nelson.