

**MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE PENDLE TWINNING ASSOCIATION
HELD AT NELSON TOWN HALL, NELSON
ON 6th MARCH, 2024**

PRESENT –

Mr I. Graham - Chairman (in the Chair)

Councillor B. Newman

Mrs. J. David

Ms. A. Gander

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



2. MINUTES

AGREED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 24th January 2024 be approved as a correct record.

3. TWINNING UPDATE

An update on twinning events was circulated.

Re. International Youth Meeting 2024 in Marl, notification had not yet been received from Marl as to whether funding for this project had been confirmed.

Re. Marl-Pendle staff exchange, the itinerary for the 2 staff from Marl coming to Pendle later that month was outlined. It focussed on looking at Pendle's regeneration projects. It included tours of Nelson Town Hall, the Accessible Nelson scheme, Northlight and the Steven Burke Sports Hub and BMX track. It also comprised a tour of Colne's Heritage Quarter, featuring The Muni Theatre, Pendle Hippodrome and The Little Theatre. A Spring get-together of Pendle Twinning Association was part of it, followed by a visit to a Pendle Community Orchestra rehearsal. The visit would be finished with a drive around the Masterplan areas of Barnoldswick and Earby and a walk up Pendle Hill to give the visitors a full overview of the borough. Accommodation and airport transfers for the 2 Marl staff were being provided by 2 Pendle twinning members, as previously agreed. The aim was to look at different approaches and solutions and share knowledge.

For the enquiry re. a Mr. N. Rowley, The Vice-Chair had found out a little more information and advised she would continue looking into this.

3. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Committee Administrator reported that the current balance in the Twinning Account was £7, 714.18.

4.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Re. the trip to Pendle by Twinning Members from Creil and Marl in September 2024, the Chair outlined proposals. The proposals for the itinerary included visits to the Heritage Centre in Barrowford, Saltaire, Skipton, Ripon and Towneley Hall. Bookings could not be made until numbers were known from Creil.

A. Gander requested that potential improvement of the link between Pendle Palestine Twinning Group and Pendle Twinning Association be discussed at the next meeting. The Chair advised he would be pleased to attend a meeting of Pendle Palestine Twinning Group if invited.

5.

DATES OF FUTURE MEETING

Members agreed that the next meeting should be held at 5.30p.m. on Wednesday 17th April 2024 at the Town Hall, Nelson.