

**MINUTES OF A MEETING  
OF THE PENDLE TWINNING ASSOCIATION  
HELD AT NELSON TOWN HALL, NELSON  
ON 5<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2024**

**PRESENT –**

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

*Councillor M. Aslam  
Mr. P. Mousdale*

*Mrs. J. David  
Ms. A. Gander  
Councillor M. Ammer  
Councillor B. Newman*

*1. (Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. C. Clegg ). (A. Gander advised that she had given apologies for absence re. the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2024).*



**2. MINUTES**

**AGREED**

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2024 be approved as a correct record.

**3. TWINNING UPDATE**

An update on twinning events had been circulated.

Re. International Youth Event 2024 in Marl, A. Gander advised all schools in Pendle were emailed. She had explained the tight turn-around was due to a delay in funding approval for Marl. Youth groups were contacted via In Situ and Mash Hussain at Marsden Heights – 3 of the 4 applicants, who were all suitable, came from this source. The 4<sup>th</sup> applicant, again suitable, came from Fisher More. Re. schools who did not respond, this may have been due to the tight turn-around. A. Gander stated that the International Youth Event email to all schools will have alerted them to the existence of Pendle Twinning Association and that contacts could be picked up with schools. A. Gander and the adult leader, J. Kelly, were going to work with the 4 young people participating to record the introduction videos requested by Marl. This would give the young people the opportunity to meet each other and the adult leader all together. They would also be preparing their performance about Pendle, which was to be 3 – 5 minutes' long in advance of the "Spectacle of Cultures" in Marl. A. Gander mentioned safeguarding in advance of this International Youth Event. She had contacted S. Astin-Wood at Pendle Council who had referred her to the Council for Voluntary Service and this was being followed up. It was felt that Marl would have risk-assessed all the activities they had organised over the week there.

Re. the 16 year-old girl from Marl wanting to do a placement in Pendle in December 2024, J. David agreed to provide accommodation and the work placement was to be found within Pendle Council.

Re. the 50 years of twinning between Creil and Pendle, The Chair was to provide a speech to the Vice Chair to read out on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2024. On that date there would be a special time set aside by Creil Council along with Creil Twinning Committee for marking the 50 years of twinning between Creil and Pendle, including the renewal of the signing of the twinning charter in Creil.

### **3. FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

The Honorary Secretary reported that the current balance in the Twinning Account was £7, 714.18.

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

The Chair gave an update re. the trip to Pendle by Twinning members from Creil and Marl in September. A coach had been organised to do the Manchester Airport pick-ups on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2024 and drop-off on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024. The guests would be staying at The Old Stone Trough in Kelbrook. The Chair outlined the itinerary, including The Heritage Centre in Barrowford, visits to Saltaire (including a guided tour by a member of Saltaire History Club, Salts Mill and Exhibition), Skipton (Tour of Skipton Castle, free time to look around Skipton Market), and Ripon (Visit to Black Sheep Brewery and Ripon Cathedral). He advised that he was open to suggestions re. the last day. The ideas of Wycoller, Trawden and Howarth were suggested for this.

The Chair raised the idea of posters re. Pendle Twinning Association to send to schools, libraries, churches and youth clubs, for example.

It was advised that the contact person re. potential interest from Girl Guides in Colne re. contact with any similar organisations in Marl and Creil was A. Mann.

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

Members agreed that the next meeting should be held at 5.30p.m. on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2024 at the Town Hall, Nelson.