

**MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE PENDLE TWINNING ASSOCIATION
HELD AT NELSON TOWN HALL, NELSON
ON 25th SEPTEMBER 2024**

PRESENT –

Mr I. Graham - Chairman (in the Chair)

*Councillor M.Aslam
Mr. P. Mousdale
Mrs. J. David*

*Ms. A. Gander
Councillor B. Newman*

1. *(Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. C. Clegg).*



2. **MINUTES**

AGREED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 31st July 2024 be approved as a correct record.

3. **TWINNING UPDATE**

Marl had forwarded photos and a video presentation re. the International Youth Event in Marl.

The preliminary programme for the Official Twinning Meeting in Pendle from 9th to 11th October 2024 was outlined, including action points. This official visit was to advance joint working projects and to mark the 50 years of twinning between Pendle and Creil in 2024 and to mark early the 30 years of twinning between Pendle and Marl in 2025. The Mayor was providing a Curry Night at his house to welcome the Mayors of Creil and Marl to Pendle, along with other Twinning members. On Thursday 10th October Creil and Marl guests would be participating in visits to Pendle Heritage Centre in Barrowford, and to Pendle Community High School and College, as well as a tour of Pendleside villages. A celebratory meal of Pendle Twinning Committee would be held at Banny's in Colne that evening. On Friday 11th October a Pendle-Creil-Marl 50th/Early 30th Anniversary Twinning Meeting would be held to advance partnership projects. This would be followed by a visit to Pendle Youth Employment Service (YES) Hub. It was agreed that a mini-meeting be arranged prior to 9th October 2024 to discuss any final points.

Re. Appointment of Officials of The Pendle Twinning Association, I. Graham had advised that he would like to hand over the Chairmanship, but would carry on until someone took it on. It was suggested and agreed that he would remain as Chair until after the Official Twinning Meeting in Pendle from 9th to 11th October 2024.

The diary date for a Twinning Meeting in Marl 2025 were Friday 14th February – Sunday 16th February 2025.

3. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Honorary Secretary reported that the current balance in the Twinning Account was £6,642.39

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chair spoke about the trip to Pendle by Twinning members from Creil and Marl in September which had been very well received by participants.

R. Lankeit, a Co-ordinator for social culture in Marl, had met up with J. David, Cllr. B. Newman and T. Wilson to introduce his family whilst on a private holiday. This built on links first developed on a Marl-Pendle staff exchange.

5. DATES OF FUTURE MEETING

Members agreed that the next meeting should be held at 5.30pm on Wednesday 6th November 2024 at the Town Hall, Nelson.