

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

**PRESENT –**

*Mr. I. Graham  
Mr. P. Mousdale  
Mrs. J. David*

*Ms. A. Gander  
Councillor B. Newman  
Mrs. C. Clegg*

1. *(Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. M. Aslam).*



2.

**MINUTES**

**AGREED**

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 25th September 2024 be approved as a correct record.

3. **APPOINTMENT OF OFFICIALS OF THE ASSOCIATION**

Consideration was given to the appointment of the Association's officials for the year 2024/2025.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) That Mrs. J. David be appointed **Chairman**.

*(Mrs. J. David – Chairman in the Chair)*

- (2) That Ms. A. Gander be appointed **Vice-Chair**.

3. **TWINNING UPDATE**

An update on twinning events had been circulated.

The Official Twinning Meeting in Pendle from 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> October 2024 had been very well received by participants. The purpose of the visit was to mark the twinning milestones and advance joint working projects between the twin towns. Joint working projects discussed included: (1) Creil and Marl wanted to make contact with the Head of Pendle Community High School and College, (2) International Weeks Against Racism project, (3) Work placements for 2 young people from Creil and 2 from Marl to be organised for October 2025, and (4) International Youth Event 2025 – Venue was to be advised. A press release had been issued which highlighted the content and success of this visit.

Twinning Meeting in Marl would be from Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2025 to mark various twinning milestones eg. 50 years' of twinning between Marl and Creil.

Twinning members were invited to participate in a trip to Berlin from 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025. Further details were given including price and itinerary.

#### **4. SCHOOL LINKS**

N. Saudrais-Anciant and A. Gander were working on a school link between Creil and Pendle. A teacher in Creil wanted to develop links for up to 3 classes of 11-12 year-olds from Creil with pupils in Pendle. A. Gander was going to follow this up with Park High School in the first instance. The links were to be through correspondence at this stage – eg. supervised e-mailing and in-class Zoom sessions.

#### **5. INVOLVEMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE FROM THE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH EVENT IN MARL JULY 2024**

The possibility of the young people and J. Kelly becoming more involved was discussed. The idea was mentioned of them providing social media content, approved by a Twinning member as administrator, for Pendle Twinning Association. Possible attendance at Twinning meetings was also suggested.

#### **6. SAFEGUARDING POLICY**

K. Thornton at Burnley Pendle & Rossendale Council for Voluntary Service had been emailed. Safeguarding policy was needed when working with children, young people and vulnerable adults. It was agreed that A. Gander be Safeguarding Officer for the Association, with J. David as Deputy. It was agreed that the Association would pay the cost, approx. £50, of a DBS check for J. David. A. Gander advised she would e-mail a link out to Pendle Twinning Association members re. photos and sharing images guidance.

#### **7. PLANS FOR INFO. LEAFLET/FLYER/POSTER TO PUBLICISE THE ASSOCIATION**

A colour poster with photos of Twinning events in the background was discussed. I. Graham was happy for his contact details to be used on this. It could be put in sports clubs and libraries, for example. An electronic flyer was also mentioned. It was agreed that A. Gander, I. Graham and J. David would work together on this.

#### **8. FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

The Honorary Secretary reported that the current balance in the Twinning Account was £7007.20

#### **9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Fundraising by Pendle Twinning Association was mentioned. If young people could be encouraged to join, such young people might be happy to organise a sponsored walk, for example. One idea was to forward date, time and venue of the next meeting to Modern Languages teachers at a local college.

#### **10. DATES OF FUTURE MEETING**

Members agreed that the next meeting should be held at 6pm on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at Banny's, Colne.