

**MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE PENDLE TWINNING ASSOCIATION
HELD AT NELSON TOWN HALL, NELSON
ON 31st JULY 2024**

PRESENT –

Mr I. Graham - Chairman (in the Chair)

*Councillor M.Aslam
Mr. P. Mousdale
Mr. J. Kelly*

*Ms. A. Gander
Councillor B. Newman
Ms. Ebony Franks*

1. (Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. C. Clegg, and Councillor M. Ammer).



2. MINUTES

AGREED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 5th June 2024 be approved as a correct record.

3. TWINNING UPDATE

An update on twinning events had been circulated.

J. Kelly and E. Franks spoke about the International Youth Event in Marl. On Monday 15th July there had been a meet and greet session and an aerial obstacle course. Workshops the following day had included yoga and a German class. A visit to the “Planet Ocean” exhibition at the former Gasometer Oberhausen was highlighted. Participants did a day of work experience at a variety of workplaces – at a hospital, a fire station and at newspaper offices. On 19th July a reception at the European House of Peace in Marl had been attended by both The Mayor and Mayoress of Pendle and the group of young people from Pendle. There had been a moving ceremony with the planting of a ginkgo seedling from Hiroshima. The “Spectacle of Cultures” by the young people had taken place on Saturday 20th July. The Pendle group had sung “Old Pendle” and danced to it. At the end of the Youth Event participants were given the opportunity to leave ‘post-it’ note messages in an envelope for each attendee to read on their journey home. J. Kelly mentioned that as a group leader he had emphasised the importance of being on time and of respect during their stay. The Mayor of Marl and J. Radscheid had commented in Marl about what an excellent group leader J. Kelly had been. J. Kelly and E. Franks advised how successful the International Youth Event in Marl had been. E. Franks mentioned that the young people had stayed in touch. J. Kelly and E. Franks advised they would be happy to be involved in future twinning activity. A. Gander was thanked for her work in support of this event.

Re. Appointment of Officials of The Pendle Twinning Association, I. Graham advised that he would like to hand over the Chairmanship, but would carry on until someone took it on. A. Gander nominated J. David to be the new Chairman, if J. David was interested.

RESOLVED

(1) That a decision re. appointment of **Chairman** be deferred until the next meeting.

(2) That a decision re. appointment of **Vice-Chairman** be deferred until the next meeting.

A. Gander had obtained an exemplar safeguarding policy, as recommended by the Council for Voluntary Services (CVS). The policy statement was highlighted. A. Gander offered to draft wording re. a safeguarding policy for The Association and this was agreed.

N. Arndt, a young person who had participated in the International Youth Event, wished to visit Pendle in October 2024. It was agreed that he would be very welcome to visit Pendle, but that it would need to be in 2025 given the twinning activity already taking place in the final quarter of 2024.

3. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Honorary Secretary reported that the current balance in the Twinning Account was £6,624.04

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Hedi from Marl mentioned a trip to Berlin from February 17th – February 21st 2025 which twinning members from Pendle and Creil were invited to. The cost would be approximately 500 – 550 euros and the options would be for Pendle participants to fly direct to Berlin or to Dusseldorf and then on to Marl, to share a bus with Marl to Berlin. The feedback from Creil was that none of its twinning members wished to participate in this trip. It was agreed that any Pendle twinning members who wished to attend needed to let F. Standing know by close of play on Wednesday 7th August 2024 so that Marl could gauge interest.

The Chair gave an update re. the trip to Pendle by Twinning members from Creil and Marl in September. The Chair had invited The Mayor to give an official welcome to the participants at Pendle Heritage Centre. The Chair had organised a buffet lunch there. The Chair had also arranged lunches at Saltaire and Skipton. There would be free entry to Ripon Cathedral for a visit.

5. DATES OF FUTURE MEETING

The date of the next meeting was decided. **UPDATE** – This has now been changed, with the agreement of The Chair, to 5.30pm on **Wednesday, 25th September 2024** at The Town Hall, Nelson.