

**MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE PENDLE TWINNING ASSOCIATION
HELD AT NELSON TOWN HALL, NELSON
ON 5th MARCH 2025**

PRESENT –

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

*Cllr. M. Aslam
Mr. P. Mousdale*

*Mr. I. Graham
Cllr. B. Newman*

1. *(Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. C. Clegg, Ms. A. Gander and Cllr. M. Ammer).*



2. **MINUTES**

AGREED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 6th November 2024 be approved as a correct record.

3. **TWINNING UPDATE**

An update on twinning events had been circulated.

The Twinning Meeting in Marl in February 2025 marked various twinning milestones, including the 30th anniversary of twinning between Pendle and Marl and the 50th anniversary of twinning between Marl and Creil. The Deputy Mayor had attended and given a formal speech at the Twinning jubilee ceremony. He had also signed The Golden Book of Marl, a special guest book which documents the visits of prominent people on special occasions to Marl.

M. Breda did a very successful work placement in December 2024 with the Mayoral team at Pendle Council. She had been very kindly hosted by The Chair, J. David. The success of this placement has meant that contact has been made between Pendle Twinning Association and M. Breda's English teacher in Marl, which the Vice Chair was following up.

It had been confirmed that one of The Mayor of Marl's sons, would come on a work placement in October 2025. The young person had attended the International Youth Event in Marl in 2024 and had met the young people from Pendle who participated.

A colour poster promoting The Association had been produced and distributed in Pendle. I. Graham had given copies to venues in Colne: Supermarkets, The Golf Club and The Library. He had also taken copies to Nelson Library and No. 1 Market Street, also in Nelson. Cllr. B. Newman offered to distribute several copies, including to Brierfield and Barrowford Libraries.

I. Graham had been in touch with Pendle Ladies' Choir and Colne Golf Club re. the possibility of looking into exchanges with similar groups in Creil or Marl. It was decided to let Pendle Ladies Choir know the date of the next twinning meeting.

Cllr. B. Newman mentioned Barrowford People's Choir, who met every month and was very well-attended.

The Chair and Vice Chair of The Association had participated in a trip to Berlin in February 2025 following the Twinning Meeting in Marl. The itinerary included a stop in Potsdam near Berlin and visits to Institut Français and the Reichstag Building and a coach tour of Berlin, taking in the sights, such as Checkpoint Charlie. The trip also included an optional evening show which was spectacular and featured acrobats and trampolines.

The Chair advised that Marl had attracted a lot of members to their Marl-Pendle-Creil Twinning Association through twinning holidays.

The next Twinning holiday was being organised by N. Saudrais to La Rochelle in South-East France for September 2026.

4. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was noted with great sadness about the passing of David Carter, former Chairman of Pendle Twinning Association and of his wife Alice. The huge amount of work they had done was remembered, including transporting produce for a stand at a Twinning Fair and manning the stand and organising a very successful Twinning holiday to Edinburgh. Their son, Andrew, had contacted The Chair to advise they had passed within a day of each other. The funeral arrangements were given. It was agreed that Creil and Marl should be informed.

The invite from one of Marl's twin towns, Kusadasi in Turkey, to twin with Pendle was discussed. Pendle Twinning Association members agreed with each other that a twinning link was not possible due to a shortage of resources on Pendle's side. It was suggested that as Kusadasi and Pendle are both twinned with Marl, perhaps Christmas cards could be exchanged.

6. DATE OF FUTURE MEETING

Members agreed that the next meeting should be held at 5.30pm on Wednesday 4th June 2025 at Nelson Town Hall.