MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PENDLE TWINNING ASSOCIATION HELD AT NELSON TOWN HALL, NELSON ON 4th JUNE 2025

PRESENT -

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

Mr. P. Mousdale Cllr. M. Aslam Ms. C. Greaves Ms. A. Gander Mr. I. Graham

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

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2. MINUTES

AGREED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 5th March 2025 be approved as a correct record.

3. TWINNING UPDATE

An update on twinning events had been circulated.

The Mayor had accepted an invite from the new Mayor of Creil, Sophie Dhoury Lehner, to attend the Twinning Meeting in Creil in June 2025. It marked the 50th anniversary of twinning between Creil and Marl.

The Chair and Vice Chair had accepted the invite from Creil Twinning Association to attend the Festival of Associations later in the year.

Pendle Twinning Association Social Evening was outlined. It was from 6.30pm – 8pm on Wednesday June 25th at Curry on the Street in Nelson. Attendees could drop in whenever suited between those times. It was to bring people together to celebrate 50 years of twinning with Creil and 30 years with Marl and to look towards the future of twinning for Pendle. The Chair was to say a few words at the start and The Vice Chair would close at the end of the event. The main focus was to be chatting to people and introducing them to each other. An attendee of a previous International Youth Seminar had expressed support for the event, for example. Association members were encouraged to bring along twinning photos.

C. Greaves, who did the publicity for Pendle Ladies' Choir, kindly attended the meeting before rehearsal. Twinning members explained more about the Association's joint twinning work with Creil and Marl. C. Greaves mentioned an event on 12 October 2025 at Colne Muni which involved Pendle Ladies Choir, Colne Orpheus Glee Union Male Voice Choir and Pendle Youth and Children's Choir. It was agreed that the Association contact Creil and Marl to try to put choirs in touch with each other.

4. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

I.Graham expressed an interest in attending a get-together for N.W.Twinning Associations being organised by a Twinning Association in Kendal.

Further copies of the Pendle-Creil-Marl Twinning Association posters were to be brought to the Social Evening.

Colne Golf Club were interested in making contact with any golf clubs and keen golfers in Creil and Marl. The Association would make initial enquiries with Creil and Marl.

6. DATE OF FUTURE MEETING

The date of the AGM was decided. **UPDATE** – This has now been changed, with the agreement of The Chair, to a date to be advised, at Nelson Town Hall.