

**MINUTES OF A MEETING  
OF THE PENDLE TWINNING ASSOCIATION  
HELD AT NELSON TOWN HALL, NELSON  
ON 15th OCTOBER 2025**

**PRESENT –**

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

*Mr. P. Mousdale  
Cllr. B. Newman*

*Ms. A. Gander*

*1. (Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. M. Ammer, Mrs. C. Clegg, Cllr. M. Aslam and G. Da Silva).*



**2. MINUTES**

**AGREED**

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 20th August 2025 be approved as a correct record.

**3. TWINNING UPDATE**

An update on twinning events had been circulated.

The programme for 2 young people from Marl, Niklas and Lina, coming to do work placements in Pendle in October 2025, was outlined. Twinning members happily committed to spending time with them, eg. joining them for evening meals. Niklas and Lina were kindly to be hosted by The Chair.

Following recent elections, Thomas Terhorst had been elected as the new Mayor of Marl.

It was agreed that a card of best thanks should be sent to Werner Arndt.

2026 would be the year of the Football World Cup. Marl's neighbouring town Herten would be home to the biggest World Cup Festival in the Ruhr area. The organising team wanted to include music groups/bands from the twin towns in the programme before and after the football matches. Marl asked if a band in Pendle might be interested to come to Germany for a visit to Marl and a performance at this World Cup Festival in Herten. Pendle Twinning Association members, whilst generally interested and with a few ideas, required more details, eg. re. dates and accommodation.

N. Saudrais-Anciant, President of Creil Twinning Committee was organising a Twinning holiday to La Rochelle in France in September 2026. The Chair stated that it would be Pendle's turn to organise a Twinning holiday in 2027.

The Vice Chair circulated a draft safeguarding policy for the Association she had been working on. Following conversations with the Safeguarding Lead at Pendle Council and the Council for Voluntary Services, she had contacted NSPCC for a draft exemplar safeguarding policy. The Vice Chair advised it would be necessary to have both a nominated and a deputy child protection lead. The hard work of the Vice Chair in putting together a draft safeguarding policy was recognised and it was agreed that she should carry on with this.

As result of the successful work placement of M. Breda in December 2024 with the Mayoral team at Pendle Council, contact had been made between Pendle Twinning Association and M. Breda's English teacher in Marl. The Vice Chair had built on this success by contacting schools near Pendle which taught German to find out if they would be interested in making links with this school in Marl. Sir John Thursby School in Burnley expressed interest in exploring ways of working together. This might involve e-mailing, working online and sharing lessons on Skype, for example. It was agreed that the contact details of M. Breda's English teacher in Marl be forwarded to the Vice Chair to progress this.

The Vice Chair also advised she would be following up contact with 2 schools in Colne and 2 French schools in Creil.

#### **4. FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

The Honorary Secretary reported that the current balance in the Twinning Account was £7772.20.

#### **5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

#### **6. DATE OF FUTURE MEETING**

Members agreed that the next meeting should be held at 6.00pm on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at Banny's in Colne.