

**MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE PENDLE TWINNING ASSOCIATION
HELD AT NELSON TOWN HALL, NELSON
ON 11th MARCH 2026**

PRESENT –

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

*Mr. P. Mousdale
Cllr. B. Newman
Mrs. C. Clegg*

*Ms. A. Gander
Mr. I. Graham*

1. *(Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. M. Aslam and Mr. G. Da Silva.)*



2. **MINUTES**

AGREED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 10th December 2026 be approved as a correct record.

3. **TWINNING UPDATE**

An update on twinning events had been circulated.

It was agreed that Creil Council be contacted in April, after their municipal elections, re. work placement of 2 young people from Creil in October 2026.

I. Graham would ask A. Mann of 6th Colne Holy Trinity Guides if contact had been made with the equivalent unit in Marl.

I. Graham also advised that Colne Golf Club had been given H. Mengert's contact details to make contact with the Marl/Recklinghausen golf club.

Pendle Ladies' Choir had been given contact details for René Lankeit, Arts and Culture Officer at Marl Council, so that they could contact an equivalent group in Marl if they wished. C. Greaves, Publicity Officer at Pendle Ladies' Choir, advised she would ask their committee to discuss this at their next meeting and would let Pendle Twinning Association know their thoughts.

H. Mengert emailed that a president of the biggest allotment in Marl was interested in contact with allotment people in Pendle. Cllr. B. Newman suggested that Hodge House Allotments in Nelson be contacted. The Good Life Project, was based at Hodge House Allotments. The Good Life Project was a therapeutic horticultural programme run by Pendle Leisure Trust. It improved the health and wellbeing of individuals who may have been isolated, inactive or had mild to moderate mental health issues. The Good Life Project were 2025 Winners of the Get UKactive – Healthy Communities Award.

It was also suggested that a former member of Pendle Twinning Association based in Colne who had an interest in allotments be contacted if possible.

René Lankeit had said that they were thinking about visiting Pendle with their saxophone quartet in 2027 and had asked if Pendle Twinning Association was interested in that.

René had also advised that their wind band would celebrate its 50-year anniversary in 2029. He asked if Pendle Twinning Association would be interested in a concert in Pendle too. René said he would love to come to England with 50 people in 2029.

Pendle Twinning Association liked the idea of a visit by the wind band, but that it would need to be for a smaller number of people than 50.

Re. the twinning holiday in La Rochelle in September 2026, The Vice Chair knew someone who could be interested. It was agreed that The Chair would liaise with N. Saudrais-Anciant re. Pendle twinning members interested in participating in this.

RESOLVED

That René Lankeit be informed that Pendle Twinning Association was interested in the saxophone quartet coming to Pendle in 2027, preferably in October/November.

4. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Honorary Secretary reported that the current balance in the Twinning Account was £7887.20.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

M. Breda from Marl, who had previously been on a work placement in Pendle, was due to come to Pendle with her mother and brother at the end of March. It was agreed that any Twinning Association members who would like to, would be welcome to meet up with them for a meal at 6pm at Banny's on Tuesday 31st March 2026.

The Vice Chair gave an update re. Palestine Liaison Twinning Group. 3 or 4 ladies from the West Bank were due to come in June 2026. Planning for this had been started. Visits were organised through CADFA, a similar group in Camden.

6. DATE OF FUTURE MEETING

Members agreed that the next meeting should be held at 5.30pm on Wednesday 22nd April 2026 at Nelson Town Hall.