

**MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE PENDLE TWINNING ASSOCIATION
HELD AT NELSON TOWN HALL, NELSON
ON 22nd APRIL 2026**

PRESENT –

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

*Cllr. B. Newman
Mr. J. Slater*

Mr. I Graham

1. *(Apologies for absence were received from Ms. A. Gander, Mr. P. Mousdale and Mrs. C. Clegg)*



2.

MINUTES

AGREED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 11th March 2026 be approved as a correct record.

3.

TWINNING UPDATE

An update on twinning events had been circulated.

Following municipal elections in Creil, Omar Yaqoob was the new Mayor of Creil. It had been agreed that the International Relations section of Creil Council be contacted after these elections to offer a work placement to 2 young people from Creil in October 2026. A reply had been received from the Young People and Citizenship Dept. at Creil Council, stating the offer had been received and carefully noted. They advised that their departments were undergoing a restructuring process and that they would try to provide a response as promptly as possible.

Marl Twinning Association had the idea that H. Mengert and I. Bordeaux should visit Pendle in Summer 2026, possibly August. This was to meet those involved in potential twinning projects, such as allotment holders in Pendle. Other projects to facilitate were golf, football, choir and music. Pendle Twinning Association agreed that this was a good idea and proposed that they visit 10 – 13 August 2026 inclusive. I. Graham offered to host them in terms of accommodation.

Hedi had advised that a president of the biggest allotment in Marl was interested in links with allotment people in Pendle. It was suggested that Hodge House Allotments committee be contacted. Following contact with Leah Berry at Colne Town Council, a few allotment holders in Colne had expressed interest in this project. One of them had provided contact details for the allotment president in Marl. Details of The Pendle-Marl-Creil Gardening Group Facebook page were to be forwarded to Hedi. This had been set up approximately 9 years ago as a first step to

having a horticultural link. The Facebook page still existed, with an occasional post on it.

Pendle Twinning Association was keen that a football team from Pendle (boys aged 18 – 19) be encouraged to participate in the football tournament in Marl from May 15th – May 18th 2027. The Chair advised she would get in touch with P. Ellis who had been a previous twinning contact of a Colne football team.

RESOLVED

That up to a total of £1, 500 be granted towards the flights of an agreed Pendle football team (boys aged 18 – 19) to Marl in May 2027, once the trip was confirmed.

4. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

M. Breda, with her mother and brother, had been kindly hosted by The Chair at the end of March 2026. Some Twinning members had met up with them for a meal at Banny's during their stay.

Aneesa McGladdery, Principal Economic Development Officer at Pendle Council, hoped to attend a future meeting to facilitate encouraging young people from Pendle to join Pendle Twinning Association, for example, having 2 places on the Committee filled by young people from Nelson and Colne College every year.

J. Slater agreed to work with The Vice Chair on developing an existing Pendle Twinning Association Facebook page.

6. DATE OF FUTURE MEETING

Members agreed that the AGM be held at 5.30pm on Wednesday 10th June 2026 at Nelson Town Hall.