

**MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE PENDLE TWINNING ASSOCIATION
HELD AT NELSON TOWN HALL, NELSON
ON 29th JULY 2026**

PRESENT –

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

Ms. A. Gander

Councillor B. Newman

Mr. I. Graham

Councillor N. Ahmed

Mr. P. Mousdale

Ms. S. Watson

1. *(Apologies for absence were received from Councillor C. Church and Councillor N. McCollum)*



2.

MINUTES

AGREED

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

3.

TWINNING UPDATE

An update on twinning events had been circulated.

Re. the football tournament in Marl in May 2027, The Chair had been in touch again with P. Ellis of Barrowford Celtic Football Club. P. Ellis advised that, although it was an attractive offer, in the end it wasn't possible for Barrowford Celtic to participate as they would be in the middle of exams.

Instead, with The Chair's agreement, Darren Finch, Football Tournament Manager at Burnley F.C. in the Community, was contacted. They were very keen to send a team to Marl in May 2027. This had now been confirmed and they would be sending a team, Burnley FC in the Community U19's, which would include young men from Nelson & Colne College in Pendle. Marl were delighted and stated that their club, The SuS Polsum, were very excited.

Hedi and Ingrid B. of Marl Twinning Association were visiting Pendle from 10th – 13th August inclusive. This was to meet those involved in potential twinning projects, such as allotment holders in Pendle. Other possible projects to facilitate were golf, football, choir and music.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Honorary Secretary reported that the current balance in the Twinning Account was £7967.20.

5.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Local government reorganisation in England was mentioned. It was advised that as from 31st March 2028 Pendle Council would cease to exist and would become part of a much larger organisation. The implications for twinning arrangements were not yet known. Creil and Marl would be kept informed of developments as they came along. Pendle Twinning Association affirmed that the strong relationships with the Twinning Associations in Creil and Marl would continue.

The Vice Chair mentioned that the visit of 2 Palestinian women, one from Beit Lid, to Pendle through Pendle Palestine Twinning Group was very successful.

6.

DATE OF FUTURE MEETING

The date of the next meeting was decided. **UPDATE** – This has now been changed, with the agreement of The Chair, to 5.30pm on **Wednesday 14th October 2026** at Nelson Town Hall