

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Twinning Committee held in the council chamber, Town Hall, Cockermouth on Wednesday 7th May 2025 at 10.00hrs.

Present:

Cllr Chris Bridgman
Cllr Isabel Burns
Cllr Gillian Telford
Cllr Richard Watson

Also in attendance Cllr Julie Laidlow, Jane Ollerenshaw and Kirstie Goodger.

10.02 Meeting opened.

T1- To elect a councillor to Chair the meeting - Resolved that Cllr Gillian Telford becomes the chair.

T2- Apologies for absence – None

T3 Declarations of Interest – None

T4 Consideration of the budget for October visit – Resolved that a budget of up a maximum of £5k providing there is sufficient funds remaining from the April visit after the accounts have been finalised.

T5 - Draft programme- A number of ideas were discussed for events for the week and a 1st draft programme was agreed as attached.

T6 - Working groups - Resolved that Mike Telford, David Holt, Liz Prichard and Robert Harwood are invited to the join the working groups

T7 - Date of working group meeting- Agreed Monday 9th June at 3.00pm

T8 - Date of next committee meeting - Agreed Wednesday 9th July at 10.00am

T9- Thank you - The Chair asked that thank you cards be sent to some individuals for their assistance with the April visit

11.10 Meeting closed.

1st DRAFT PROGRAMME

42nd Twinning Anniversary Visit

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Date	Time	Event
Sunday 26 th October	18.00	Arrive Wakefield Road Car Park
Monday 27 th October		Free morning with hosts
	11.00	Day in Maryport - discussed options for things to do - Roman Museum, Shipping Brow Gallery, play park, Maritime Museum, The Wave Centre (<i>speak to Cumberland for deals</i>), The Aquarium, cafes, walks etc – need to find out group rates and availability etc. GT has had an offer of help from a photography group. <i>We need to know ages of the group coming over</i>
	3.30 leave Maryport	
	16.00	Collected by hosts
	19.00 – 21.00	Anniversary Dinner - Hundith Hill provisionally booked – get prices for 2/ 3 course meal with set menu rather than a buffet / chased Castle Inn for availability. Look into options for entertainment for after the meal.
Tuesday 28 th October	9.30	Options discussed – Ravenglass – The Larl Ratty goes to Dalegarth then walk to Stanley Ghyll. Lunch in pub (2 pubs to check out options) Then Muncaster in the evening (dark) – look at options of events at Muncaster Castle - Halloween theme etc
Wednesday 29 th October	9.00	Options discussed – a walk and options for those who don't want to do a walk - Talkin Tarn walk & wildlife reserve (it has a café), Houghton Hall Garden Centre / hosts provide picnic / Carlisle visit.
	Leave	4.00
	5.00pm	Collected by hosts
	19.00-21.00	Civic Reception – Faith Supper (bring a dish/ finger food) Venue discussed Christ Church – check availability/ price - French bring cheese / wine – TC to sort biscuits / nibbles Performance in background – look at options for this To receive library books from Marvejols and give to local schools Exchange of gifts £50- Gillian has spoken with Lakeshore Arts about a daffodil themed glass gift
Thursday 30 th October		Leave for now and see what is suggested

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Friday 31st October		Free day with host family – <i>Driver Day off</i> Discussed – Informal evening. nibbles & a quiz – possible venues – Titans Rugby Club, Grassmoor Rugby Club, The Kirkgate Centre and Flimby Rugby Club. Find out availability, costs and capacity of each.
Saturday 1 st November	07.00	Depart for Marvejols