

Minutes of a Meeting of the Twinning Committee held in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall, Cockermouth, on Wednesday 11th March 2026 at 10.00am.

Present:

Councillor Isabel Burns

Councillor Julie Laidlow

Councillor Gillian Telford (Chair)

Also present:

Mrs Jane Ollerenshaw (Town Clerk)

Mrs Amy Jeffrey (Assistant Town Clerk)

Miss Jo-Anne Wood (Events and Facilities Support)

10.00am meeting opened.

T40 Apologies. Cllr Bridgman and Cllr Watson had submitted apologies.

T41 To approve the minutes of the Meeting of 14th January 2026. Resolved to approve the minutes.

T42 Declarations of Interest. None.

T43 October Trip Responses Update. The Clerk reported that approximately twelve attendees have confirmed so far, which is typical at this stage. Some of those intend to make their own travel arrangements. Cllr Telford requested a list of those currently confirmed in order to follow up with others.

T44 School Letter and Leaflet Approval. Both documents were circulated. **Resolved** the letter and leaflet be approved and sent to the school for distribution and the leaflet would be available at the Library.

T45 School Visit Arrangements. A school-aged candidate who had previously taken part in the Twinning was identified and will be contacted to confirm whether they would be willing to help promote the trip during a school assembly. If they agree, the Clerk will approach the school to request that a presentation be arranged at a Year 10 assembly. Cllr Telford, Amy and Jo-Anne would also attend the assembly and speak with the students.

T46 Date of the next Committee Meeting.

Confirmed as Wednesday 3rd June 2026 at 10.00am.

10.44am meeting closed.