

Minutes of a Meeting of the Twinning Committee held in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall, Cockermouth, on Wednesday 3rd June 2026 at 10.00am.

Present:

Councillor Chris Bridgman
Councillor Julie Laidlow

Councillor Isabel Burns
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.

T47 Apologies. Cllr Watson had submitted apologies.

T48 To approve the minutes of the Meeting of 11th March 2026. Resolved to approve the minutes.

T49 Declarations of Interest. None.

T50 October Trip Responses Update. The Clerk reported that approximately seventeen attendees had confirmed their participation to date, including the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Stephen Barnes, who would attend in place of the Mayor. The Clerk suggested that coach bookings be made at the end of June, and Cllr Telford recommended that final attendance numbers could be provided to Marvejols at that time. Promotional activity could continue until that time.

T51 School Communications Update. The Clerk advised that she had contacted Cockermouth School on a number of occasions. A response had subsequently been received; however, the school appeared reluctant to promote the twinning initiative and showed limited interest in engaging with the Council. The Clerk suggested that local primary schools be approached instead. **Resolved** that the promotional materials be sent to local primary schools for distribution.

T52 Date of the next Committee Meeting.

Confirmed as Wednesday 22nd July 2026 at 10.00am.

10.45am meeting closed.