Minutes of a Meeting of the Twinning Committee held in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall, Cockermouth, on Wednesday 26th August 2026 at 10.00am.

Present:
Councillor Chris Bridgman
Councillor Gillian Telford (Chair)
Councillor Julie Laidlow
Councillor Richard Watson

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.

T59 Apologies. Cllr Burns had submitted apologies.

T60 To approve the minutes of the Meeting of 22nd July 2026. Resolved to approve the minutes.

T61 Declarations of Interest. None.

T62 Update on final numbers and bus arrangements. The Clerk advised that 13 people would be travelling out and 15 returning, with some others making their own travel arrangements. Letters had been issued confirming the final costs, and invoices would be sent out today.

The Clerk suggested that the pick-up point be located at the Town Hall rather than Main Street, as this would provide access to toilet facilities and offer suitable provision in the event of poor weather.

T63 Marvejols Gift. Cllr Telford queried the budget allocated for the gift. The Clerk confirmed that the budget was approximately £50. Cllr Laidlow suggested purchasing a print from a local photographer known to her, who would likely be willing to either donate the print or, alternatively, accept a donation to charity in lieu of payment. **Resolved** Cllr Laidlow would enquire with the local photographer regarding the proposed gift.

T64 Date of the Travellers Meeting.
Confirmed as Monday 21st September 2026 at 6.30pm.

T65 Date of the next Committee Meeting.
Confirmed as Thursday 15th October 2026 at 10.00am.

10.31am meeting closed.