

EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

Monday 30th March 2026

**Workington Town Council offices, Town Hall, Oxford Street
6:30pm**

Meeting started at 18:30

Attendees: Twinning Association - Barbara Cannon, Mike Renouf, Joan Wright, Bernadette Jones and David Jones, Workington Town Council - Paul Young

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Emma Chapman & Ellie Wood.

2. REPORT FROM CHAIRS

The current mayor of Val de Reuil will remain in post following recent elections. A WDTA visit was proposed for the mayor making event, possibly 4 members.

The Val de Reuil choir visit was confirmed for the Workington Christmas lights switch on event in November 2026, details to follow closer to the event.

Invitations have been extended to the Val de Reuil runners to attend the Festival of Running in August 2026. Further communication with Cumberland Athletic Club required.

The Tour de France stages for 2027 have been announced, with the Grande Depart being from Edinburgh to Carlisle and the second stage being from Keswick to Liverpool. Given the proximity it was proposed that a tie-in to the 30th anniversary of twinning with Val de Reuil be considered. Following discussions, it was decided that any tie-in event would be better based around the stage one finish in Carlisle due to better transport links and accessibility.

ACTION: *Request that WTC Culture & Social Investment committee begin considering ways the Town Council can assist the Twinning Association in the celebration of the anniversary, including a tie-in to the Tour de France (WTC)*

Six attendees will be making the trip for the Twinning Association visit to Selm for their Iwkowa anniversary event. The anniversary event will be part of their European Week celebrations, with WDTA members attending on the May 8th and 9th. It was suggested that WDTA should take a gift with them to commemorate the event.

ACTION: *Ideas to be submitted & considered asap (WTC)*

Five members from Selm will be attending the Workington Town Council Mayor Making on May 22nd. They will be arriving at Newcastle airport on Friday afternoon and transport will need to be arranged, potentially the hire of a minibus.

Cumberland Council are submitting an application for Workington to be a UK Town of Culture 2028. Members of the executive have assisted with the application and feel that WDTA should assist further where possible.

3. FINANCIAL UPDATE

Balance of £11,084.25 (Cumberland account £101.74, NatWest account £10,986.56)

All invoices paid. Zurich insurance bill yet to be paid when agreed (£105.80).

No further expenditure expected so available funds are £10,978.45.

On requesting funding from WTC a figure of £3,320 for anticipated known costs expectations in 2026/27.

Forms are being signed by additional signatories and then online banking capabilities will become available to Emma Chapman, Paul Young, Bernadette Jones and Denise Rollo.

4. POLICIES

After reviewing the safeguarding policies, a small number of amendments to the wording were requested. Following these amendments both policies were approved.

ACTION: *Amend policies and circulate approved versions to all executive members (WTC)*

It was agreed that the policies would be reviewed annually at the AGM.

It was raised that additional policies regarding membership and funding still need to be put in place.

ACTION: *Draft copies of outstanding policies to be prepared for the next meeting (WTC)*

5. FUTURE ASSOCIATION MEETING DATES

The next scheduled meeting date is Monday 22nd June 2026.

Future meeting dates were agreed to be:

- Tuesday 1st September 2026
- Monday 26th October 2026
- Monday 25th January 2027

Meeting ended at 19:26