

Oakham Town Council

Report No.
Appendix:
Agenda Item No.

Council
Date of Meeting: August 2023

Report Author: Cllr Lowe

Title: Twinning

Subject: Barmstedt & Oakham

Oakham and Barmstedt twinned in 1987, the existing twinning committee has now called it a day as enthusiasm has dwindled however we do have a friendship and the German people are very keen that Oakham stay in touch. With the letter recently from the Oakham Secretary explaining they were standing down the twinning link potentially ceases to exist. The wish is that OTC become a point of contact, should anyone want to arrange an event or exchange OTC would simply offer an administrative function with no cost, budget or expenditure expected. OTC would simply carry the flag and ensure the friendship between the two towns is retained, the only real commitment apart from occasional correspondence and admin would be inviting Councillor to be the representative to not only give a single point of contact (SPOC) that retains the personal connection, it would also further reduce what office time may be required.

- (1) Proposal is that OTC become a point of contact for Twinning enquiries.
- (2) Proposal OTC create the post of a Twinning Councillor who would be the SPOC
- (3) Proposal Cllr Lowe is the first Twinning Councillor.
- (4) Proposal OTC allow the SPOC to create a media piece to update the community.

