

Chester World Development Forum

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Monday 5 December 2016 at Vicki's

Time for "Write for Rights" card signing

Prior to business meeting Committee signed greeting cards as part of Amnesty International's "Write for Rights" campaign

- 1 Welcome:** TG chaired the meeting
Present: BP, TG, JT, LC, AM and VJ
Apologies: PB, GG

2 Minutes and matters arising:

- Committee 31-10-16: Items in red mostly followed up: AM collected cards from local AI group, cards been sent to PB and Prue, AM typed up notes from last committee meeting on our ideas for projects for 2017, photocopying and surface mail sent out and £30 paid to Unity Centre. **JT to contact David Roberts**
JT followed up Barclays letter by contacting manageress at Chester branch and said how disappointed he was with the response and she agreed. Nothing further at present but JT may follow up.
Next mailing to include Stephen Twigg's talk and proposal for Student Sustainability Project
- Full Forum 8-11-16 – *including notes of Open Discussion on Forum's future activities & priorities*
Minutes – JT's info about mining company been dealt with
Suggestions for future action: - do we need to ask members to give more details of campaigns rather than dates for the diary which can be sent easily by email to BP. Need to encourage people to submit dates to BP. **Mention at next Forum meeting**
Project from HS re Fairtrade Fortnight – JT sent email round. Can we support her ideas?
AM to send off for Fairtrade Foundation cards. Plan to send cards to supermarkets in January. Get Forum members to support in January. Need to speak with HS first. Perhaps she could come to our next committee meeting on 9th Jan.
There will be an update on HS's ideas after Steering Group's meeting on Thurs 8th Dec. Steering Committee have committed to funding the plans
Re "Food for all" event – AM has contacted GM but GM poorly at moment. She has agreed to give it some thought. Wait on GM's thoughts.
Could link to SDGs
Note TG's email about how DfID using aid. Stephen Twigg's asking for more accountability.

3 Future Forum meetings/activities:

- **Forum Tues 17th Jan** – Speaker Stephen Maund on Malawi project. BP has found information on Stephen Maund's project and **will email him asking for title of talk and ask permission to send out information to our members.**

- **Student Sustainability project** – Project from committee now complete and will be submitted to university. Has to be submitted by Monday. If accepted then clients will meet students on 23rd or 30th Jan between 4.30 and 6.30. **Discuss which committee members to link up with students at next committee meeting**
 - **Possible Study Visit, Geneva** – Exploratory session with Gill Miller is on Wed 14th December. BP commented on need to have some ideas to present to GM such as idea of itinerary, when, how long for and approx cost
 - **Activities for Fairtrade Fortnight? (27 Feb to 12 March)**
Decisions on actions at next committee meeting
 - **Full Forum 14th Mar** – Possibilities: Ann McCarthy on Vietnam; JT's brother just come back from working in Bhutan - helping local entrepreneurs. Is grass roots development. US based company.
- 4 CWDF Diary – update of 4-12-16 attached: any comments/additions**
BP to put in a little more about Fairtrade fortnight. “Celebrating Fairtrade visitors to Cheshire since 2002”
- 5 Finance & administration issues:**
- Current bank balance: £368.93. Paid out £30 to Unity Centre. **AM to write out expenses**
 - Arrangements and items for next mailing (surface and email) to include end-of-year letter plus 2017 subs request. **TG will do report before Christmas in readiness**
To go out - end of year report, diary, subs request, flyer “The Big Conversation – end hunger in the UK” and ST's report. Photocopying to be done on 4th Jan
- 6 Duncan Green:** Some interesting ideas but on the whole Committee felt talk was a little disappointing.
- 7 Issues from around the table/ AOB**
PP been in touch with BP re campaign “The Big Conversation – end hunger UK”
Send flyer out by email with Stephen Twigg's report
Will send flyer out by surface mail in New Year.
LC: contact with Transition Chester. **BP will forward them our most recent email information to see if anything of interest to their group.**
- 8 Next Committee meeting: Mon 9 Jan 7.30pm, Annie's?**