

# Chester World Development Forum

## Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Monday 5 June 2017 at Vicki's

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

### 2 **Minutes and matters arising:**

- Committee 1-5-17: KS has now paid subs thanks to Lindsay. AM not yet bought thank you card for PB. **AM to do for July meeting** and get as many people as possible to sign. BP asked Matthew Jessop re committee. He declined. **AM to ask Sue Bownas**. Some events did take place in Chester for "The Great Get-together" in memory of Jo Cox. Committee expressed sadness re the cancellation of Pre-election event at the university.
- Forum AGM 9-5-17: No matters arising apart from **AM to type up Cat Barton's talk asap**

3 **Finance:** Balance: **£499.77** as at 01 June 2017.  
No more subs come in. **JT will look at list of non-payers and email it around**. We can then decide who each committee member will approach.

4 **CWDF Sustainable Futures** – preliminary consideration of the student presentations (written report awaited) – plus contact with Nick Todhunter re our use of social media?

2 issues to be discussed:

- Re meetings – are we preaching to the converted? Yes, there is some truth in that but good to have a core group. How do we get younger people involved? Discussed inviting Years 12 and 13 from local schools to Chris Matheson's meeting in Sept. Committee felt that should leave meeting as it is for now and speak to Forum at the July meeting to see if members could come up with any ideas. Maybe by then we would have some idea of programme from International Development group at university and see if we could link in to that.
- Re use of Facebook etc – CVA could help or Nick Todhunter. TG suggested meeting with CVA just to see if way forward. **TG will explore possibility**.

Another suggestion was to send out questionnaire to member organisations to discover what issues they are interested in and how do they disseminate information to their members? Would a different format be better?

**VJ will contact Roy about getting final report from students**. Would be good to have it before our meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> July.

5 **CWDF . "immediate future":**

- Arrangements for next Forum meeting, 11<sup>th</sup> July: John Williams talk "Three Jumbos Crash in a Day". **BP will email John to see what equipment he needs**
- Post-election situation – how we may need to respond.

- 6 CWDF Diary – update of 3-6-17 attached: any comments/additions**  
West Cheshire Faith Forum – Harmony Walk in Ellesmere Port on 12<sup>th</sup> July  
10.00am from Blue Education and Community Centre ending at Civic Hall at 12noon
- 7 Issues from around the table/ AOB**  
BP had letter from Red Cross. Headed - UK Solidarity Fund. After recent events needs funds to help people affected by atrocities.  
AM: Quick update on Jubilee Debt Campaign  
JT: Has been party to HS's decision to close CDEC in its present format. Grants been slowly going down and financially not viable. CDEC 20 years old this year. CDEC name will carry on but charity will close. HS will continue working with schools but as a consultant. There will be celebration in Sept.  
She may be able to help us with using social media in the future.  
**TG will send a letter on behalf of the Forum thanking her for all her work and support over the years**
- 8 Arrangements for next mailing both email and surface:**  
Minutes of AGM, report of Cat Barton's talk, covering letter and diary
- 9 Next Committee meeting: Mon 24<sup>th</sup> July 7.30pm, Annie's?**