

# Chester World Development Forum

## Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Monday 9 April 2018 at Vicki's

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

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

- Committee 5-3-18  
SB been in touch with Traidcraft and found name of person to contact. Her name is Pam Barker but she's been away on holiday. **SB will follow up**  
JT has been in touch with Helen Tandy re her availability to speak on "Ethical Investment" but Helen only replied today. She cannot speak at the AGM but is willing to talk in July or September  
LC and TG between them have sorted Hoole Community Centre for the event on 22<sup>nd</sup> June.  
SB been in touch with John Murray, Head of Catholic High, and in principle he has agreed to CWDF holding meeting in Emmaus centre. JM away on holiday at moment and **SB will follow up on his return**  
Re Ann Felton, speaker from CAAT coming to discussion event on sale of arms to Saudi Arabia - JT has heard from her and she would like Chris Matheson there. Who would chair? Chris Matheson? Committee felt it might be difficult for CM to chair. Next option was to ask Gill Miller. Event could still be held at CHS  
**JT will liaise with Chris re timing and BP will speak to Gill re possibility of her chairing meeting.**  
JT didn't get opportunity to speak with Colin Watson at the last Sustainability Forum meeting. Will see him this Thurs to get update. Group seems to be focussing on "Plastic Free Chester"
- Forum 13-3-18 – no details in minutes about May Day event organised by TUC at Town Hall. If anyone finds out further details please include them in the minutes

### 3 **Finance & administration issues, including:**

- Current bank balance: Our account balance was **£599.78** as at 29 March 2018. I wrote Terry a cheque for £40 to cover the hire of Hoole Community Centre for our celebration in June, but this has not yet been cleared. Taking this into account, and a small amount of cash held to pay expenses for mailings, our effective balance is **£562.71**.
- Members' Questionnaire: responses so far. Nothing new. Letter needs to go out asking groups to let us know about their events well in advance so that they can go in the diary; urging groups to remind their members about our meetings; asking groups to keep us updated on their campaigns so that we can then support them. The letter also needs to ask is there anything we can do to help. This letter could be sent out with AGM information.
- Subscription appeal: nothing come in since Forum Meeting
- Actions needed to comply with Data Protection requirements. BP looked into it and we don't need to register. Comes into effect on 28<sup>th</sup> May. However do need to comply with DPA so looks as if everyone needs to sign Consent Form. **BP will take forward**
- Updating/upgrading the CWDF brochure: VJ been looking into students taking this on board as part of their "work- based learning". It is a suitable project – the problem is that they won't start the projects until Dec. which probably too late for

us. JT will speak to HS and see if she has contacts to get postcard sized flyer to hand out

#### 4 Arrangements for future Forum meetings:

- 8<sup>th</sup> May – Forum AGM, speaker to be arranged –  
Plan A – ask Shantelle from CHWREC (Chester, Halton and Warrington Race and Equality Council) to speak on broader interests including work with refugees who located in the area. Seemingly settlement of Syrian refugees has been very successful. LC will contact Shantelle  
Plan B - SB will speak to Pam Barker to get name of Traidcraft speaker  
Plan C – Gap year student working for CAFOD in Sierra Leone. SB will contact.  
Other suggestions – And Albert, Plastic-free Chester. JT will follow up Helen Tandy
- 22<sup>nd</sup> June - special 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event at Hoole Community Centre.
  - Catering: AM happy to take charge. Suggestions for food – sandwiches, mini quiche, little cakes and Fairtrade wine from Co-op. VJ offered to bake special cake. Need someone (possibly) to decorate with CWDF logo? Firework candle was suggested. Would have to check with Community Centre
  - LC to enquire at Hoole Community Centre about use of kitchen facilities and if they have microwave
  - Power point presentation of last 25 years – BP will organise
  - Display boards with pictures – everyone look for old photos. JT will organise
  - Quiz?
  - JT will ask HS for any ideas – ie World Map Game, flags, products limericks
  - Photographer?
  - JT will email Chris Matheson with early invite
  - Invites to go out after AGM

#### 5 CWDF Diary – update of 6-4-18 attached:

Nothing to add

#### 6 Issues from around the table/ AOB.

JT: Chester Remain collected over 30 new contacts last Saturday at The Cross, and will probably repeat the exercise on 14 April which is a national day of action against Brexit. Open meeting at the Hanky Panky Café on Tuesday 10 April at 7pm. RSVP to [chester.remain@gmail.com](mailto:chester.remain@gmail.com) if anyone would like to come and shape the future plans.

SB: 2 weeks of action 16<sup>th</sup> June – 24<sup>th</sup> June is Refugee Week and CAFOD hoping to organise a local event to coincide with theme “Share the journey” and Climate Action Week is from 30<sup>th</sup> June – 8<sup>th</sup> July

VJ: “Slaves of Fashion” exhibition by Singh twins in Walker Art Gallery until 20<sup>th</sup> May. Well worth a visit

BP: Talking of exhibitions – BP commented on the Christian Aid exhibition on “Displaced Peoples” in the cloisters at the Cathedral – the lighting so poor that you had great difficulty in seeing the pictures and reading the information.

#### 7 Arrangements for next mailing, surface and email: March Forum minutes, Mike Johnson’s talk, letter re AGM, gentle reminder re subs, diary update. Photocopying will be done on 25<sup>th</sup> April

#### 8 Next Committee meeting: Mon 30th April 4.00pm, Vicki’s again