

# Chester World Development Forum

## Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Monday 11 June 2018 at Annie's

### 1 Welcome/ TG chaired the meeting

**Present:** TG, BP, AM, VJ, LC

**Apologies:** GG and JT

### 2 Minutes and matters arising:

- Committee 30-4-18  
SB gave us a brief resume of Fairtrade Steering Group meeting. A new lady from CWaC was there. Not yet clear on the way forward. Group wants to understand what they can realistically achieve and not just to do events in Fairtrade Fortnight. Long way to go before can get new accreditation. Next meeting in July. Other matters arising covered in the agenda.
- Forum AGM 8-5-18: Peace Train 24<sup>th</sup> Oct – Terry Walsh gave out details of this event which will need to go in the diary. AM has a number of copies detailing the event and these can be given out to interested people at the July meeting.

### 3 Finance & administration issues, including:

- Current bank balance: 31<sup>st</sup> May statement gave balance of £515.78. No further subs come in. Need to discuss this at next committee meeting.
- Progress with Data Protection requirements: BP sent out data protection information to all on email list and only had 34 replies out of 93. Possible to look at those who haven't subscribed but we still send information to and say that this will be their last communication unless we hear differently. Question of "cookies" also. BP will look into this further. It may mean that our contacts by email will be much reduced.

### 4 Arrangements for future Forum meetings:

- 22<sup>nd</sup> June - special 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event, Hoole Community Centre
  - Programme note attached: BP's nostalgic look back should take 15 mins. Chris M and Romy – 5 mins each  
**BP will ask GM to speak for 15 mins**
  - Progress with RSVPs – only 28 acceptances so far and 14 apologies. Quite a number of people on holiday. **AM to chase people up by phone and BP will send out reminder by email**
  - VJ had email from Heather. Graffiti Board, display boards, bunting and balloons. **VJ will liaise with Heather and BP will pick up display boards.**
  - **VJ will see if can get Chaplaincy glasses.**
  - VJ made fruit cake and **SB will call in Asda with photo which BP will send us.** Cost £16
  - Be there at 6.30
- 10<sup>th</sup> July Forum – *speaker Helen Tandy on ethical investment/ divestment*
- 11<sup>th</sup> Sept – Shantele possibly
- 13<sup>th</sup> Nov – Anthony McCarthy on Nepal trip. **AM will find out whether Sept or Nov meeting better for Anthony**

**5 CWDF Diary – update of 10-6-18 attached:**

- Any comments/additions? Details of Peace Train on 24<sup>th</sup> October

**6 Issues from around the table including:**

- City of Sanctuary initiative (Mike Johnson briefing note attached)  
Mike wants local groups to support. Committee feel that we could support their aims and possibly support events but we can't take a lead on anything. We can certainly publicise events in the diary and raise awareness.  
Suggestion that we sound out Forum members at meeting in July. **BP to circulate Mike Johnson's note re City of Sanctuary by email.**
- Membership request from Chester Muslim Association.  
BP made the comment that we have to be aware of "extremism" and extremist views. Committee felt that it would be a good idea to all work together on development issues. **TG will email the Association to clarify our aims and to make it clear that CWDF is not a faith group**

VJ: Passed around magazines on Ethical investment and the magazine from the university with pictures and an article on Marcial's visit.

VJ: Acquired information on work – based learning at university. Takes place in summer term over 5 weeks. We would need to be looking at summer term 2019 if we want the students to re-design our leaflet. Would need to discuss in Autumn term.

TG: Chester Friends of Palestine – having stand in Chester in early July. More details to follow

**7 Arrangements for next mailing, surface and email:** AGM minutes, GM's talk on Aid, information on next full Forum meeting and information re Peace Train  
AM to do photocopying on 27<sup>th</sup> June

**8 Next Committee meeting: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 7.30pm, Vicki's**