

Chester World Development Forum

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Monday 1 October 2018 at Vicki's

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

- 2 **Minutes and matters arising:**
 - Committee 3-9-18: Sat 9th March 2019 is International Women's Day. **LC will contact organisers nearer the time and will apply for a table**
Matthew Jessop paid up on behalf of Quakers. JT has received a cheque
BP gave us update on HL.
GG chased Neville Jones for his sub and he's paid up.
BP following up on data protection – has received a letter from Mike Roberts. Reread it and realised that Mike had said we ought to seek some further legal advice. Committee felt that no need to go down that route but that we need to change the subscription form to explain what we do with information and a statement on website to explain a Privacy Policy. Can possibly crib a statement from another group. SB and BP went to training day organised by Shrewsbury Diocese so it's possible that some useful statements from that training can be used.
TG will follow up about air quality issue.

 - Forum 11-9-18 – annotated version of Stephen Maund's PowerPoint awaited so that minutes can be completed. **BP will email Stephen Maund and VJ will type up her notes in time for next mailing**
JT will send off cheque to MuCAARD and see if it can be earmarked specifically for Romy's projects
Matthew Jessop suggested we make donation to Stephen Maund's micro-finance projects. With full Committee agreement, JT gave Lindsay a cheque for £50 made out to his organisation which she will give to Stephen.

- 3 **"Chester Meets the World":** Further discussion of the suggestions presented by Neil Gibbons. At the last committee meeting, it was suggested that we look at first 2 columns and make suggestions for rewording. Third column to be left blank. Then send out to all constituent groups and ask which issues would be their main focus. Still some misgivings expressed about how to take this forward. The middle column is seemingly the most important because it's looking at what local groups can do to achieve the first column.
It was agreed that the first column heading would say "so that the world can....."
Words such as challenges, changes, campaigning, promote, raising awareness should be included.
TG is to attempt a redraft taking into account the comments made this evening. He will email it round to committee for comments.
VJ suggested asking Gill Miller's advice.

- 4 **Finance & administration issues, including:**
 - Current bank balance: is approx £500 although JT not had latest statement as yet. One more meeting to pay for so will have £450. £100 donation to MuCAARD and £50 to Capacity Foundation to go out. (JT subsequently submitted full details of the bank and cash holdings, incomings and estimated outgoings to the end of the year. Refer to JT's email for details.)
 - Agree arrangements for any further "final chasing" of 2018 subs. It was decided not to do any more "chasing" at this late stage in the year.
 - Progress with Data Protection and website cookie requirements – in hand

5 Arrangements for future Forum meetings:

- 13th November Forum – speaker Anthony McCarthy, volunteer work with “Classrooms in the Clouds”, Nepal. Needs projector
- TBA: special session on Arms Trade. On hold for now
- 2019 Forum meetings – topics/ speakers?
 - Tues 8 January – **change date to 15th Jan.** Helen Tandy? **JT will contact**
 - Tues 12 March – Nick Dearden at University. **TG will check with GM first.**
 - Tues 14 May – Shantele Janes? **LC to contact**
 - Tues 9 July

6 CWDF Diary – update of 29-09-18 attached:

- Any comments/additions - none

7 Issues from around the table/ AOB

AM: Re sustainable palm oil – Chester Zoo website has produced a list of restaurants/cafes which use 100% sustainable palm oil and a list of products which made with sustainable palm oil. **AM will look up zoo website and print off some copies. Perhaps can recommend CWDF members to look up website**

JT: meeting with Cllr Louise Gittins and Elaine Roberts-Smith to put forward proposal for Fairtrade Steering group to maintain current Fairtrade status

JT: gave update on Fracking and IGas in EP. Going to public inquiry to be held from 15th – 23rd Jan. JT to be expert witness. JT has given written update which **BP will circulate to members.** Campaigners want as many members of the public to go. Chester Debating Society will be debating the issue on Tuesday 9th Oct at 7.30 in Quaker Meeting House.

SB: Re Chester Fairtrading and Traidcraft. Looks extremely likely that Traidcraft will cease trading on 31st Dec. It's not viable business model in present climate. Will affect Chester Fairtrading.

BP: Forest Green football club - gone carbon neutral

TG: Attended the Jubilee Debt Campaign conference in Birmingham. Some very good speakers. Clearly the financial systems still causing major problems in world – talked about both world debt and personal debt. Ann Pettifor predicts another financial crash.

Encouraging people to have clear objective in campaigning and to have a grasp of the facts.

8 Arrangements for next mailing, surface and email:

Photocopying to be done on 31st Oct to include minutes Forum 11.9.18, note about next CWDF meeting on 13th Nov, note about Frack - free Upton, note from 10:10 Climate Action “a dose of climate hope” and diary

9 Next Committee meeting: Monday 5th November 7.30pm, Annie's