

Chester World Development Forum

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Monday 5 November 2018 at Annie's

1 Welcome:

Present: TG, GG, JT, BP, AM, VJ, and LC

Apologies: SB

2 Minutes and matters arising:

- Forum 11-9-18: No matters arising
- Committee 1-10-18: International Women's Day, March 9th from 11.00 – 3.30 in Town Hall. TG has application form. Committee agreed to have stall at cost of £12.50

TG looked into "Air quality" issue on Council website – 46 measures approved but report still in draft form from Oct 2017. VJ thinks she has some information from Chester FoE. The video link is <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=shAmA6ileOA&t=8s>

JT has transferred money to MUCAARD. Should receive receipt when Doug Stevenson when he's back in the country.

BP received email from Helen Tandy re her speaking to us in Jan

Nick Dearden been contacted by GM and he can't do 12th March but seeking alternative date.

LC to contact Shantelle

AM has looked at Chester Zoo website and has details of "Sustainable Palm Oil Challenge" plus the list of products that contain palm oil from sustainable sources.

AM to write short report on palm oil challenge and details of how to access list of products. Type up link ready for meeting next week

3 "Chester Meets the World": Further discussion on way ahead

TG had tried to rewrite Neil's proposal but not sure how to do it. TG put to the committee that we need to have a very clear focus first. Asked the question - what is our priority? – it was agreed that climate change/ justice should be our focus. With that focus in mind, the Committee suggested areas for engagement with our constituent members and local people. These included: fracking, refugees, extreme weather, air quality, transport strategy, renewable energy, food issues, pollutants in fashion industry. Chester Friends of the Earth, although not signed up members, are quite active in highlighting specific issues and taking actions in the locality.

Also need to enquire whether there is a "champion" on climate change issues on CWaC Council. May be Peter Bulmer? **JT will contact him**

Suggestion that an extraordinary meeting be held in March and invite Chester FoE, Peter Bulmer (or other), Colin Watson and "brainstorm" of what we can do together

4 Finance & administration issues, including:

- Current bank balance: JT will not receive the bank statement until next week but balance is £231.21 and £20 in hand. JT reimbursed AM with expenses
- General arrangements for securing 2019 subs. **TG to do end of year report by next Committee meeting in December plus 2019 subscription form.**

5 Arrangements for future Forum meetings:

- 13th November Forum – speaker Anthony McCarthy, volunteer work with "Classrooms in the Clouds", Nepal
- 15th January Forum – speaker Helen Tandy "Ethical Investment/ Divestment"

- Nick Dearden “Special” – progress on date? (12 March not available)
- Further 2019 Forum meetings – topics/ speakers?
 - Tues 12 March – brainstorming session
 - Tues 14 May – Shantele?
 - Tues 9 July - ?

6 CWDF Diary – update of 31-10-18 attached:

- Amnesty International: The Write for Rights will take place on Sat 1st Dec from 9.30 – 1.30 in “The Kitchen” at Storyhouse
- Monday 10th Dec is Human Rights Day – showing film “A Cambodian Spring” at 6pm at Storyhouse
- Long list of dates received from Joseph O’Neill. Discussed which ones to put in the diary. Some too far in to the future to be included at this time. For instance - Sat 2nd Nov 2019 102nd anniversary of Balfour declaration.
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7 Issues from around the table/ AOB:

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JT: reported that he understood things looked much more positive over Traidcraft’s future. (Subsequent email from JT gave details of the Guardian newspaper article - [Traidcraft eyes young ethical consumers with rescue plan](#))

Fair trade retailer was facing closure after poor sales compounded by weaker pound. Pioneering [fair trade](#) retailer Traidcraft, which had warned it was facing closure, has launched a turnaround plan that involves targeting younger ethical consumers).

The latest Traidcraft bulletin reveals that they will continue with the more popular items but that the suppliers of craft items are the ones who will miss out

JT: Following last Fairtrade Steering Group meeting, CWaC Council support for renewed accreditation of Fairtrade status has been agreed

8 Arrangements for next mailing, surface and email:

BP will send round latest diary.

Surface mailing to go out when report on Nov forum meeting complete

9 Next Committee meeting: Monday 3rd December 7.30pm, Vicki’s?