

Chester World Development Forum

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Monday 2 December 2019 at Annie's

1 **Welcome:** TG chaired the meeting

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

2 **Minutes and matters arising:**

- Committee 4.11.19:
 - JT produced background notes re Natalia and sent them to BP as requested
 - BP not yet contacted Iain Taylor.
 - Meeting re revising CWDF's leaflet to be arranged after next committee meeting
 - AM has requested more cards on issue of ISDS from Traidcraft but had no reply
 - JT has sent round information on buying shares in Chester Community Energy
 - BP has spoken to Ken Walker re Hustings.
 - AM not yet spoken to SB about Robin Roth (SB not well at present)
- Forum 12-11-19: 2 issues discussed – careful wording in the minutes on the issue of the Conference on Palestine organised by Joseph O'Neill (as requested by Katy Rowe) and discussion about how best to present Natalia's talk. Both issues resolved

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

- Last statement was from 31 October, and gave bank balance as £278.56, plus cash - in hand of £26.10 >> £304.66, which I reported to the last Forum meeting. Transactions: Cheques written for £10 to FoE, £30 to CHAWREC; AM cash expenses paid £2.98; November Forum collection £3.44; £5 (cash) received from FTSG; £20 paid in to bank >> £258.56 in the account + £11.56 cash-in-hand = £270.12.
- The issue with CHAWREC July cheque payment is still unresolved, although I again raised it with Valerie and she promised to contact Anita – but no follow-up/feedback yet received
- JT has asked about a possible payment to CAT to thank them for Jane Fisher's lecture ...
- JT had request for City of Sanctuary to join CWDF. **TG will send City of Sanctuary email address to BP so BP can send subs form**

4 **Brief post-mortem of recent activities/ involvements:**

- Sustainable Chester Winter Fair 23-11-19: steady flow of people throughout the day. 18 new names on our contacts list. Map that VJ had organised was a very good idea. BP has contacted the people on list and referred to GDPR but so far only had 1 reply but are covered by clause which was at bottom of sheet. Now more people signed up after CAT talk. BP has circulated CAT PDF to those who signed up. Had 1 non-delivery from email to Paul Bowers. **LC will try and find out why find out more.** Chris Matheson visited the stall and repeated his request for another Food Matters conference. Committee feel that this would be too difficult to organise on our own but could maybe enlist the support of other groups such as CWaC, Eco Communities, CSF, Reaseheath, Christian Dunn, Cheshire farmers, George Mombiot

- Jane Fisher lecture 27-11-19: 82 people there. Committee thought on the whole was very good presentation. She was good presenter. JT felt the start a bit lengthy but others felt that useful to have background. BP has sent email to Jane to thank her. Book “Zero Carbon Britain” recommended - (look at TG’s email)

5 **Forthcoming events:**

- Tues 3 Dec: Chester Churches Together Pre-Election meeting of candidates, 7.30pm Queen’s Park High School – particular questions to raise? TG going early to help set up. Need to put the questions in beforehand. TG will use CAFOD questions which on aid, poverty, climate change
- Tues 14 Jan: CWDF Forum - Colin Watson update on Climate Emergency Task Team. Wondered whether Colin would bring someone from CWaC. **JT will contact him**
- Jan 21st?– de-carbonisation of big industries. **BP will find out more and send round information**
- **CWDF Diary – update of 1-12-19 attached.**

6 **Issues around the table/ AOB:**

JT: Jubilee Debt – latest information come out on growth of UK international debt and individual debt

AM: Gave information on Traidcraft Exchange’s latest campaign on “The BindingTreaty”. For further detail see traidcraftexchange.org **AM will keep CWDF up-to date with how we can support this campaign**

7 **Arrangements for next mailing, surface and email – to include end-of-year note plus encouragement to renew membership for 2020**

Suggested:

- email circulation very soon, to include Jane Fisher pdf plus link to Zero Carbon Britain book.
- Email and surface mail to include note about Forum meeting on 14 Jan, minutes of Nov meeting, Natalia’s talk, end of year letter and subscription form.
TG will write to Chris suggesting 3rd Jan postponed and organise a later date whatever the outcome of the election.

All this mailing was actually sent out on the Friday before Christmas

8 **Next Committee meeting: Monday 6th Jan. 7.30pm, Vicki’s**