

# Chester World Development Forum

## Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Zoom on Monday 3 Aug 2020 hosted by GM and JT

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

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

- Committee 6-7-20:
  - BP reported that he had visited GG on 2 separate occasions. GG passed on his best wishes to everyone
  - VJ has contacted GM re world map image for the flyer but had no reply as yet
  - LC has spoken to Elizabeth Bott how CWDF could involve CAMCC more in our activities. She felt it was not up to her to comment and we should get in touch with Abdun. **AM and LC offered to visit Abdun at the Tandoori Restaurant.** 3 things to ask – 1. How we can involve CAMCC more? 2. Can we send our updates by email in the future? 3. Payment of subs
  - TG contacted Linda Turner re payment of subs.  
All red entries from last committee minutes have been completed
- Our Zoom Trial 14-7-20: *Key points for future CWDF meetings-by-Zoom?*  
Seemed to run very smoothly. Need to consider following up on Bernie Draper's comments on holding a silent vigil outside those banks who persist in investing in fossil fuels even though they have sent out statements to say they have changed their policies.  
**AM to contact [berniedraper53@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:berniedraper53@yahoo.co.uk) and ask for details**

### 3 **Finance update:**

As of 31 July, balance was **£378.56**. We also have £13.18 in cash available to cover AM's mailings expenses of £4.90, and of course there is also the £25 credit held by CSF against the Cathedral Exhibition stand fee (for May 2021?).

Subs: No chasing up to be done

JT has sent round updated list of subscription payments. Comment made that contact with Linda and Romy hadn't been made for some time. **JT offered to contact them directly by email** and subsequently had a reply –

"I am currently stuck in the Philippines with Romy. I was due back to the UK in June but all Singapore Airlines flights to Manchester cancelled and not yet resumed. You can see some of what we've been doing on MuCAARD-UK Facebook page and on our website. No Covid in Damulog and v. little in the Province so we are OK. Please pass on our best wishes to all."

### 4 **Unity Centre: Suitability for Forum meetings Sept onwards?**

BP has emailed Shantele at The Unity Centre and this is her reply:

We completely understand that your members may be wary about returning to physical meetings, which is why I asked Anita to contact our regular hirers to see whether they would be considering using the facilities from September onwards or not so that we can budget accordingly.

It really isn't for us to persuade you in any way to use the Centre. We have reopened, with strict measures in place including a one way system, hand sanitiser stations, reception screens, posters, floor stickers, minimal staff, shorter hours, increased cleaning etc etc. As a

council building we have had to be really careful as we potentially pose an infection risk and have had to complete Covid 19 risk assessments at length. We decided that it was too risky for us to allow external users, but hope to do so in September with additional responsibilities on hirers.

If we make that decision it is likely we will ask hirers to have completed their own covid 19 risk assessment, which we will keep on file. We will likely have only 1 hirer in the building a day to minimise risk and we will require them to sign to say they will follow our guidance on hygiene, cleaning etc. No decision has been made about a price increase, but I think if we did it would be minimal.

I hope that answers your queries and that you are keeping safe and well.

Best regards

Shantele

Clearly we would have to do a risk assessment and would only be allowed 15 people to attend. Most committee members agreed that we would put off face to face meetings for the time being to be reviewed after Sept meeting.

## 5 Future CWDF events, Zoom based:

- Forum Tues 8<sup>th</sup> September: Speaker Namrata Bhattacharya-Mis on “Global Health Update”
- Chris Matheson Q&A Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> October, 6.15pm. *Thoughts re topics:*
  - The integration review
  - His thoughts on trade deals with the developing world in the new “Global Britain”
  - Zero carbon Britain - what steps are we taking or not taking to achieve this goal within the “Build back Better” Recovery Programme.
  - How do we “get to” advisors – **TG to email him for advice**

**JT to contact Chris and invite him to Namrata’s meeting and ask him whether he’s holding surgeries**

- Further suggestions: Our November meeting will clash with “All Creation Waits” at the Cathedral (if it takes place) so CWDF meeting should be changed to 3rd Nov instead of 10<sup>th</sup>. Invite Stephen Maund to this meeting?

## 6 CWDF Diary:

Latest issue of 23rd July attached. A reminder about Chester CND’s event to mark 75 years since the dropping of a nuclear bomb on Hiroshima. Meet at The Groves bandstand at 8pm on 6<sup>th</sup> Aug

## 7 Arrangements for next email and surface mail circulations:

BP to send email before 26<sup>th</sup> Aug. Important that we keep surface mail people up-to-date with what CWDF has been doing. **BP will write a short review and AM to send out.**

## 8 AOB

BP: Re the Government’s foreign policy review – see attached article from the “Tablet” journal. **BP will send out in more readable format to committee**

There was a suggestion that we send a copy to Chris Matheson.

**AM to check with Ciara Hogan (Shrewsbury Diocese CAFOD) whether she’s seen it**

LC: mentioned Lache Larder – new initiative to avoid food waste. Food comes from the supermarkets. **LC will find out more.** Possibility of a speaker?

AM: Gene editing debate on Countryfile. Maybe an idea for our Food Conference?

BP: informed us that about population forecast and the prediction that its peak will be reached at the turn of the century and then there will be a rapid decline particularly in developing countries. The big exception is Africa.

## 9 Arrangements for next Committee meeting. – Mon 31 August 7.30pm via Zoom