

# Chester World Development Forum

## Minutes of the Committee Meeting held by Zoom session on Tuesday 13 Oct 2020:



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

### 2 Minutes and matters arising:

- Committee meeting of 31-8-20:
  - AM and LC not yet met Abdun Noor – not much point at present.
  - AM did contact Bernie Draper re silent vigil in Liverpool but had no response. Not much we can do anyway at this time.
  - Ciara has received the “Tablet” article from BP and she has agreed to speak at the January Forum
  - BP did send round details of Joseph O’Neill’s Zoom sessions concerning “Interfaith in Palestine”
  - VJ sent things for diary to BP
- Forum-by-Zoom meeting of 8-9-20: TG has sent thank you note to Namrata and had a very nice reply. She stressed how important our relationship was with the university  
Draft of Namrata’s talk has been sent to her and to committee for comments

### 3 Recent events:

- Zoom session with Chris Matheson MP, 1<sup>st</sup> October  
BP made notes with the idea of sharing them with the Forum and wondered if others had done the same. **He will send round his notes for us to add to.**  
BP added he would have liked to have heard about Chris’ specific responsibilities
- Friends of the Earth’s “What If ...” Zoom programme 9-11 October:  
Nobody attended
- TG attended silent vigil organised by CFoP on 26<sup>th</sup> Sept. Held placards saying Israel should stop destroying Palestinian homes, abducting children, human rights abuses etc. Note the next vigil is to be held on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October from 2.00 – 3.00pm at the Cross

### 4 Finance update and membership:

Our latest bank statement shows our balance as **£351.56** on 30 September, which includes a subscription deposit paid in early in August and the money paid in directly by Bernie Draper. JT paid DEC £50 as our tribute to Colin Watson, but the £30 donation by cheque which he gave to CHAWREC does not appear to have been processed, which will eventually reduce our balance to £321.56.

We also have a float of petty cash, £21.04, giving us an effective total of £342.60.

We have not yet been invoiced by Mike Roberts for hosting our website – last year we paid him around £40.

Thanks to Vicki, JT now has a good supply of envelopes to enable him to pay money in to our account via my local Post Office, which will be necessary when the Co-op bank branch in Chester closes at the end of Nov.

The last membership renewal payment was from Bernie Draper on 18 August, so JT has updated the file which was sent round to committee. Unlikely that we will receive any further subscription payments for 2020.

BP will send gentle reminder to Mike Roberts re payment for website

- 5 **CWDF leaflet – latest on re-design:** Committee now happy with the front of the flyer. VJ showed everyone the proposed information for the back. She will rewrite the notes and send round.
- 6 **Future CWDF events, Zoom based:**
  - **CWDF Forum Tues 3 Nov:** Stephen Maund's Malawi project "Capacity Foundation". LC will check with him.
  - **CWDF Forum Tues 12 Jan:** Ciara Hogan - Community Participation Co-ordinator for CAFOD. Possible topics - SDGs update, climate change or Pope's encyclical entitled "Fratelli Tutti". BP will send round a PDF copy of the full text (92 pages) and a summary plus the editorial from Tablet. We need to think about which part would be of most interest for Ciara to talk about.
- 7 **CWDF Diary: Draft of 12 October attached.**

Note Greenpeace meeting tomorrow at 6.30 – Green Recovery – the future of transport in Chester. Further information about this event: Sean English, Local Group Coordinator Chester Greenpeace [s.english@yahoo.com](mailto:s.english@yahoo.com)
- 8 **AOB/ other matters of interest:**

BP: Martin Preston – Climate Action – ideas for fair and green recovery. What about asking members for ideas?  
Linda Shuttleworth: Cheshire Clinical Commissioning Group - 22nd October Zoom session 9am re NHS and climate change  
BP will send out information on both matters with next mailing
- 9 **Arrangements for next email and surface mail circulations** – material will be ready for Friday.
- 10 **Arrangements for next Committee meeting.** – Mon 2nd November 7.30pm via Zoom