

Chester World Development Forum

Minutes of Committee Meeting held via Zoom on Monday 4 Jan 2021



- 1 A New Year Welcome from Bernard who chaired the meeting in Terry's absence.** A special welcome to Gill Miller and Georgina Wilson who join us the evening
Present: BP, JT, VJ, AM, LC, GM and GW
Apologies: TG – and we wish Terry well and hope for his speedy recovery
- 2 Handling the Hiatus:**
To consider actions needed “to keep the CWDF show on the road” while Terry is out of action or in necessary recuperation
JT will take chair next week's Forum meeting and VJ will chair next committee
- 3 Minutes and matters arising:**

 - Committee 7-12-20:
 - **VJ not had chance yet to contact Ian yet whether it's possible to edit the design of the flyer**
 - **GW will send her ideas re flyer to VJ**
 - **and will contact her friend Henry re doing a presentation at a future Forum meeting**
 - BP to contact HL re her attending next Forum meeting via Zoom. He's sending her the link
 - Email and surface mail went out before Christmas as planned
- 4 Finance update:**
JT has received cheques from Pam Price and Jean Cornes. £316.45 is present balance. Diane Williams will pay online for Quakers. **AM to email JT with receipts from surface mail so that JT can give up to date balance at next Forum meeting**
- 5 Website and Social Media:**
BP explained about him being the only person to be an administrator for the website and that we really need someone who has more knowledge about the workings of social media to take over. We need to “improve our presence”. The committee asked if GW could take this on board and thankfully she has agreed.
The way forward would be to post Twitter feeds on the website and share the posts on Facebook. JT had posted some information to GW and wondered whether it was the right sort of material for the posts. Interesting articles could also be posted – not necessarily things that we do but issues around development. Committee agreed that anything would be an improvement! **BP can give GW Admin rights, hopefully via Facebook page**
- 6 Future CWDF events, Zoom based:**

 - **CWDF Forum 7.00pm Tues 12 Jan:** Ciara Hogan Community Participation Coordinator for CAFOD

- To date, only 2 requests for the Zoom links. It is important to get a reasonable audience for Ciara. **BP will send out another email and if gets little response then AM happy to phone around some members**
GM suggested that perhaps a bit more detail from Ciara is needed re what she's going to talk about. **AM to contact her. Also ask her can we record it for people to watch later and can she log in at 6.50 to make sure the technology is working.**
- Suggestions for building up 2021 programme?
GW: Martin Evans has recently retired from the University. **GW will contact him re speaking to Forum**
JT: His son started work today. He's in Nairobi at present and will have to move to Switzerland eventually. Very difficult to ask him to do presentation because of the present situation. Paul's specialism is migration. JT is thinking that he could talk at University one evening possibly in October when the University should be open again. **Suggestion that email Paul in March when maybe have more idea of situation.** GM pointed out that "Migration" is one of subjects on A level syllabus so would be of interest to school pupils. (Just as an aside - if we continue to use Zoom in the future, there would be an issue with sending out links to school pupils. We would need to record the talk and send out to teachers)
GM: suggested that she could do something on SDGs re education?
Helen Tandy: Presentation on COP 26 and what can we do to prepare? **JT will contact Helen.** JT has helped draft the XR response to CWaC's Climate Emergency Plan. There is a "Green Pledges" proposal containing suggestions as to what we can do as individuals.
GM: suggested that we could read a book or listen to podcast which we could all discuss at Forum

7 CWDF Diary: Current version 2-1-21 attached.
No additions

8 AOB/ other matters of interest:
JT: Commented on the condemnation of the reduction in Aid budget by a leading Tory. He thinks it was Andrew Mitchell, the former Minister for OD
AM: Mentioned updates from the group "Possible" including their achievements of 2020. It may be worth mentioning in Forum meetings for members to look at the website. They may come to the Sustainability Exhibition in Cathedral which hopefully will take place in May and so could tie in with talking to us at AGM?

9 Arrangements for next email and surface mail circulations:
BP to send email re next Tuesday's meeting
Surface mail to go out mid January after next Forum meetings

10 Arrangements for next Committee meeting. – Mon 1 February via Zoom
GM will host the next 2 meetings and send round the links together. She has agreed to join the committee and will be a most welcome new member.