

# Chester World Development Forum

## Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Monday 10 January 2022 via Zoom



- 1 **Welcome:** TG chaired the meeting  
**Present:** TG, JT, GM, AM, LC and VJ  
**Apologies:** GW and BP
- 2 **Minutes and matters arising:**
  - Committee meeting 6 December:
    - AM been in touch with Katy Rowe re speaker for 2<sup>nd</sup> March at the university
    - JT sent message to attendees of 16<sup>th</sup> Nov meeting requesting they keep CWDF up-to-date with their events/campaigns
    - JT sent out note re meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> Dec plus details of film to be shown
  - Forum Meeting 14 December – brief resume of discussion points following the film and questions/topics for Chris Matheson circulated.  
No other matters arising
- 3 **Finance update:**

JT received a bank statement - as at 31 December 2021 balance was £144.41 in the bank account plus £12.83 in petty cash = £157.24.  
Sub form to go out in next mailing
- 4 **Website/Social Media update:**

Twitter - A drop in posting over the Xmas period but this due to GW being fairly busy. GW will begin posting a bit more especially with the MP event at the end of the month and she will retweet relevant articles.

Facebook – There's been a drop in overall engagement with the Facebook page despite there being some posts over the last 28 days. We get more engagement when we have event posts or meeting posts, and GW expects engagement to rise towards the end of the month with the MP meeting.
5. **What should be our focus in 2022?**

At the last meeting we agreed that we should keep a clear focus on development issues.

TG looked at Global Justice Now – they are campaigning on the cancellation of Zambia's debt, global vaccine access and stopping the corporate world threatening the climate.

GM suggested a global vaccine push – all at risk until everyone is vaccinated.  
What action should we take?

**Ask Chris Matheson on 28<sup>th</sup> Jan whether Gordon Brown would consider coming to Chester or any other members of Labour Party - Hilary Benn for instance.** We could mention that we've been working on development issues for nearly 30 years.

**JT will find out what other groups are doing as follow up to COP26.** The next Chester Sustainability Forum meeting is 13 January. Climate Emergency Response Plan will be discussed amongst other things.

**JT will explore the possibility of his son, Paul, speaking COP meeting in Cairo – when is that taking place?**
- 6 **Future CWDF and related events**

**January 28** - Chris Matheson  
**March 2** – University Meeting possibly as part of Green Fortnight from 24<sup>th</sup> Feb – 4<sup>th</sup>

March. Look at inviting speaker on Christian Aid programme for Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

**May AGM:** Possibility of showing Cafod film on Sierra Leone?

**July meeting?**

**7 CWDF Diary:**

- Latest “Tellus” meetings from EcoCommunities
- Chris Matheson meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> Jan
- Fairtrade Steering Group Meeting re Fairtrade Fortnight. There will be celebration of Chester’s 20 years as a Fairtrade City. 28<sup>th</sup> Feb Fairtrade breakfast in Cathedral refectory by invite only.

**8 Arrangements for next email and surface mail circulations:**

To be circulated - diary, minutes of 14<sup>th</sup> Dec meeting and reminder of Jan 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**9 AOB:**

The question was raised about the possibility of Zoom for Chris Matheson meeting. Unfortunately there does seem to be a connection problem with the internet. **JT will mention this to the Unity Centre to see if the set up could be improved.** The other issue is for people on Zoom is hearing the discussion in the room. **GM will investigate at Currys whether a roving microphone is worth buying and would work.**

**10 Arrangements for next Committee meeting – Monday 7 February 2022 at Annie’s and GM will join via Zoom**