

# Chester World Development Forum

## Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Monday 7 February at Annie's



- 1 Welcome:** TG chaired the meeting  
**Present:** TG, JT, VJ, AM and GM via Zoom  
**Apologies:** LC, GW and BP

### 2 Minutes and matters arising:

- Committee 10 January-
  - TG not had chance yet to ask CM about Gordon Brown coming
  - JT will speak to son Paul while he's there next week to set up a possible talk
  - CM meeting – reported that the sound was better this time but still couldn't hear some people. We need to ask people to speak up, come to the front and use the mic. Could we possibly have a roving mic?
- Forum Meeting 28 December - Chris Matheson MP  
AM had prepared some notes with additions from VJ. Notes on meeting can now go out in next mailing

### 3 Finance update:

At 31/12/21, the bank statement showed our balance to be £144.41 + £12.83 petty cash ie £157.24. Up to today, 04 February, JT been notified of direct subscription payment plus donations totalling £90, and paid in cheques for £129. £30 been paid out for room hire. Therefore JT *estimates* our bank balance should have increased to £333.41 + £13.83 petty cash >> **£347.24** once all these transactions have been processed.

We do need to chase up some people's subs.

**NB Item for next committee meeting**

### 4 University Students – subscriptions:

Continue to invite students to our meetings and ensure we keep Mark Bendall informed of our activities. He lectures on the International Relations and Politics course.

Perhaps one of the students would help us with social media but could be very hit and miss

GM wondered whether GW would continue to do it while we find a replacement?

Another option would be to ask Kathryn Gornall if she would consider coming on the committee and then maybe consider doing social media. **JT will contact Catherine Green re social media also**

### 5 Website/Social Media update:

Social media after Georgina flies off! – discussed as above  
Updating website when Vicki moves away- not urgent just yet.

### 6 Future CWDF and related events:

- **March 2** - Christian Aid Speaker – Dominic Brain. **GM to make the poster, book the room and email 6<sup>th</sup> form students. AM to contact Christian Aid groups in Chester and environs**
- **May 10** - AGM - strength of Committee as we move to 30th Anniversary? New members?

Linda and Stewart Shuttleworth are visiting Uganda again. Perhaps they would give a talk on their return

- Suggestions for 2022 programmes?

Ask Mark Bendall if he would give talk. **GM to contact him**

JT's son, Paul, works for the International Labour organization on "Migration". **GM will look at what International Relations students study and see if there's an issue which would fit with their studies and be of interest to them. She will email her findings to JT while he is in Switzerland with Paul Eg Child labour**

GM also knows someone from Manchester who may give a talk on child labour

## **7 CWDF Diary: circulated 26 January**

"Green expo" information is coming out but JT will wait until more confirmed before it goes in the diary.

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

JT will do this on his return from Switzerland

## **9 AOB:**

GM - made suggestion to rebrand our Forum.

JT - quite happy to send his notes out on the Hynet project following the presentation on this project at Storyhouse although it's not strictly development.

## **10 Arrangements for next Committee meeting – Monday 7 March 2022**

As several Committee members could not make this meeting it was decided to rearrange the date. **GM will send out a doodle poll for people to fill in to find a more suitable date.** (Subsequently 22<sup>nd</sup> March seemed best option)