

# Chester World Development Forum

## Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Monday 6 February 2017 at Vicki's

### 1 Welcome:

Present: TG, BP, LC, AM, JT and VJ

Apologies: PB, GG

### 2 Minutes and matters arising:

- Committee 9-1-17: **JT to follow up Rev David Roberts re membership**  
Re trip to UN in Geneva – looks like no takers for GM's offer  
AM has emailed Cat Barton re giving us update on conservation/palm oil at AGM in May. Not yet had a reply. **AM to email again**  
**AM to email GM re possibility of showing Leonardo de Caprio's video on climate change at university and also re "Food for all" event.**  
TG has looked at "Conflict and Climate Change" DVD and considers it to be still relevant. Could show at AGM if Cat not available followed by discussion.  
TG has emailed Chris Matheson re visit in Sept. No reply as yet
- Forum 17-1-17: Stephen has emailed powerpoint to AM and AM has typed up notes to accompany slides. Question arose as how best to present this to members. **BP agreed to edit the presentation so that additional notes could be placed alongside slides. AM to send SM's talk notes and power point to BP**  
KR asked committee whether any action could be taken from Forum re negativity towards international aid as expressed by Daily Mail newspaper. To be discussed later on agenda

Nick Henwood: Interesting talk on 19<sup>th</sup> Jan which several members attended. TG found the role play revealing – we, in the audience, had to take on the roles of "givers" or "receivers" of aid

### 3 Future Forum meetings/activities:

- **Student Sustainability project:** TG, BP and VJ have had meeting with students. Prof Roy Alexander was very supportive. Students have to produce report before Easter. 2 presentation dates – 8<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> May. CWDF have made it clear that wanted students to look further afield in looking to extend our membership and not just other students. Suggested contacted some of our constituent groups such as CDEC, Chester Friends of Palestine. Have been invited to our next meeting and have access to our website. They expressed interest in our previous activities eg involvement in "Make Poverty History", Debt Campaign, Climate Change events. **AM to look for book on visit to Genoa for G8 conference**  
LC suggested looking back at our previous campaign issues.
- **Activities for Fairtrade Fortnight including letter to supermarkets**  
Flyer re Fairtrade Fortnight to go out in next mailing. Re letter to supermarkets – suggest that contact the manager first by phone and then email letter so that they know what meeting is about. JT and DT to contact Tesco's, LC and AM Morrison's and TG and JT Sainsbury's.  
Fairtrade Steering Group are holding their next meeting in Waitrose. Will be taking photos and will be sent out on social media. Group are doing smaller things but hoping to spread the word by using social media

- **Full Forum 14<sup>th</sup> Mar** – Ann McCarthy on Vietnam:  
TG to collect projector from BP. Please note BP will not be able give anyone a lift that evening

#### 4 **Finance & administration issues, including:**

- Current bank balance: £543.77
- Progress with 2017 subs - (JT's progress review attached). We need to look at subs issue again after March meeting  
AM has returned Jean Cornes' cheque to her as she has already paid for 2017.  
LC will ring Jean to explain.

#### 5 **CWDF Diary – update of 3-2-17 attached:**

“Feeding the Darkness”, a performance by the Journeymen Theatre Company that “shines a light on state sanctioned torture through Story, Poem and Song”. This at the Quaker Meeting House in Chester on Saturday 18th February, facilitated by Chester and Wrexham Amnesty Group. Entry is free, donations invited. Transition Chester events: 13<sup>th</sup> May Fairtrade Ceilidh in Hoole All Saints Church Hall Fairtrade steering group supporting

#### 6 **Issues from around the table/ AOB**

Affiliation to JDC: JT to follow up:

Katie Rowe's comments re reporting in Daily Mail: BP – Daily Mail has number of “obsessions” and the issue of International Aid is one of them. He would question on what does the Daily Mail base its information. Following some discussion, committee agreed that, whilst we share Katie's concern, we really don't consider that a letter would have any significant effect.

JT: Has some cards to promote Fairtrade. Suggest that we give cards to cafes etc.

TG: A letter from CVA to HS has been forwarded to Terry asking whether CWDF would be interested in hosting a showing of a film on Malala. Committee decided that, although very interesting, the subject matter is not really appropriate

TG: Attended Action Aid meeting in Manchester. Action Aid in process of producing some new cards to sign. Seemingly developing countries are still not receiving tax from businesses eg Malawi. UK treaty with Malawi goes back to colonial times. TG also met 2 potential new members for CWDF from Action Aid

JT: Met with Chris M last Sat. Discussed Brexit.

VJ: Commented on the dates for Forum meetings - may be confusing for some when meeting is changed from 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of alternate months. Every effort is made to keep to that plan but January can often be different and is dependent on timing of committee meeting on first Monday and Bank Holiday. It may be that January meeting will have to be on third Tuesday.

VJ is happy to take over providing coffee/tea at start of meeting. However some committee members feel that it is not necessary to have refreshments. Suggestion that we do a mini “referendum” asking members' opinion.

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