

Chester World Development Forum

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Monday 4 December 2017 at Annie's

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

2 Minutes and matters arising:

- Committee 6-11-17: BP has spoken to Unity Centre and only the hall available. BP booked the room for next meetings. Issues for Chris Matheson/ questions: Tax dodging, refugees (parliamentary meeting in March?), trade deals and PFI
VJ will send details to TG and TG will pass that on to Chris in advance so he is forewarned and can prepare answers
- Full Forum 14-11-17: No matters arising from meeting. Report on Colin Watson's presentation on "Fracking" will be done in time for next mailing

3 CWDF 25th Year:

- Moving forward on ideas raised at special meeting

TG suggested that we should aim to have a wider impact and establish which areas of development young people would be interested in.

TG has spoken to Wesley re holding an event there on a Friday in June and met with a positive response. **TG will now speak to Secretary and find out cost and possible dates.** Need to consider which room would be most suitable. JT suggested possibly linking to Foodbank and/or Fairtrade? Note – we need to avoid clashing with Mystery Plays which start on 28th June.

AM to email Brendan Cox about possibility of his coming to Chester. Discussed venue. Possible to use Emmaus Centre.

Future meetings: Try some of meetings at university with expert speaker.

JT has been looking at Jubilee Debt Campaign's 10 facts on UK debt. Very difficult to understand the economics of it all so JT suggested a "teach-in" on economics. Brother-in-law taught economics for many years and may know someone who could lead that. The session would need to have a specific focus - World Bank or IMF?? **TG will ask GM about possibility of this.** Could this be one of our meetings at the university?

4 CWDF Diary – update of 2-12-17 attached: any comments/additions:
Church Action on Poverty event possibly in March? PP to send details to TG

5 Finance & administration issues, including:

- Current bank balance: JT not received fresh bank statement but thinks will be £391.78 and has £7.92 cash in hand

Still some outstanding subs: SB will contact Helen Connor re Chester Fairtrading, TG will speak to Mike Johnson re Amnesty and LC speak to Elizabeth Bott re CHAWREC.

- Arrangements and items for next mailing (surface and email) **To include end-of-year letter plus 2018 subs request:**
TG will compose letter for subs request and send to BP before Christmas.
Items to go out – minutes of Forum meeting on 14th Nov, updated diary, note about next Forum meeting on 9th Jan and letter requesting payment of subs

6 Issues from around the table:

JT: Jubilee Debt Campaign cards to sign.

AM: Power to be Campaign cards

7. Next Committee meeting: Tues 9th Jan at 6.00pm prior to CWDF meeting