

Chester World Development Forum

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Monday 4 September 2017 at Vicki's

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

- 2 Minutes and matters arising:**

- Committee 24-7-17: VJ completed churches list. **TG will contact Martin Evans asap re using university for meetings and any costs.**
JT will get in touch with Peter Benson (CFoE) and Michael Johnson (AI) re their future involvement with CWDF
TG has been in Storyhouse and there are 2 rooms possibly available for meetings. One clearly not big enough. There is room upstairs with bar area that may be ok. TG has emailed someone to ask costs but had no reply as yet

- 3 Finance & Subscriptions:**

Latest bank statement of 31st Aug confirms our balance as £439.77.
Cash in hand - £11.04 reduced to £5.92 by payment of £5.12 mailing expenses to AM. Effective total of £445.69 to report to Forum on Tuesday
Re subs – committee looked at JT's progress review which he'd prepared for July meeting. A substantial number of individuals and groups have not paid subs this year. Agreed that the following non-payers will be contacted:
LC – Penny Davies
GG – Neville Jones
JT – Heather Lannin and Amnesty International
AM – CAFOD and Christian Aid
TG – Wesley
AM to phone Caldley Valley church to see if can send information by email in future

- 4 CWDF Autumn meetings – suggested arrangements for:**

- Forum Tuesday 12 September – **marking the start of our 25th Year!**
 - Responses to our "lively letter"? Any responses? Apologies from B and K Rowe, Gill Miller, Mark Rideal acceptance. No other responses to date
BP read out outcomes of meeting held in 2000 on future of CWDF. Some interesting ideas
Suggested that he reads these out at 12th Sept meeting and see what people think.
Networking was agreed as a key aspect of CWDF as well as supporting member groups. We do need to know what they're doing well in advance if we are to be more supportive of events. The diary extremely useful in this respect.
Re future meetings - JT had meeting with Colin Watson re plans for drilling in Ellesmere Port. Plans are horrendous – seemingly 10 tonnes of gas to be burned off but no idea of what gas contains. Impact on air quality could be very significant
INEOS apparently interested in the Blacon basin.
Government planning to remove fracking from planning process – it was in Tory manifesto
All very worrying

Clearly Colin's brief is more "local" than "world" development but fracking is an issue within the climate change debate. Perhaps Chester Friends of Earth take a lead and we could support or possibly Frack Free Dee
Re change in cost of subs: for individuals JT suggested £5.00 waged and free to unwaged. TG expressed concern about whether there would be enough money to pay for big event next year if subs were reduced.
To give plenty of time for planning it was suggested we organise a major event in October to celebrate

At this Sept meeting ask groups to tell us their projects and how we can work together.

3 things to be signed – Traidcraft Brexit cards, Jubilee debt Campaign cards and post-its for Christian Aid's "Big Shift" campaign

- Chris Matheson meeting Tuesday 3rd October: Best Building room CBBC 116 from 7 – 9. **TG will email Chris' Secretary to confirm date and time**
VJ will email Nick Todhunter re this meeting and if possible can we meet him before this if he's around
- Forum Tuesday 14 November: options – Colin Watson on fracking and Sustainable Chester, Katie Rowe's daughter on her recent visit to Palestine as an "Ecumenical Observer".
JT will contact Colin. TG will contact Katie Rowe for January

5 Progress with social media – including contact with the Chester students:

Chester Voluntary Association course on 22nd Sept – TG to attend.

VJ will get in touch with Nick Todhunter re helping committee with using social media

HL will put something on Facebook re Forum's next meeting. **BP will contact her with suggestion that she uses part of the "lively letter".**

Re website being updated - **All committee to look at website to see if anything we could add.** Perhaps put something about "subscribing" at top of page is one suggestion

6 CWDF Diary – update of 3-9-17 attached: any comments/additions

- Issue of linking in with Chester Sustainability Forum's online Diary
BP already has link with Colin Watson so he can input our events
AM – week of climate change – what dates?

7 Issues from around the table/ AOB:

VJ subscribes to Ethical Consumer if anyone interested.

<http://www.ethicalconsumer.org/> User name is Vicki Jenner and password 6Micah8
JT's son and wife (married this summer) had fair-trade gold wedding rings. The information will be "tweeted" round by Fairtrade steering group
AM gave out 2 articles – one from Sean McDonagh on the impact of meat consumption on climate change and one on Balfour Declaration

8 Arrangements for next mailing, email and surface –

Posters for 2 university meetings (Chris Matheson and William Tacon), minutes of Forum on 12th Sept and diary. Photocopying to be done on 20th Sept

9 Next Committee meeting: Mon 2nd October 7.30pm, Annie's