

# Chester World Development Forum

## Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Monday 6 August 2018 at Annie's

- 1 **Welcome:** TG chaired the meeting  
**Present:** TG, GG, BP, AM, JT, LC and SB  
**Apologies:** VJ
  
- 2 **Minutes and matters arising:**
  - Committee meeting 2-7-18:
    - JT** – questionnaire still in pipeline. LC has been in touch with Shantele via Valerie (who sent Shantele an email). Anita will be in the office at the Unity Centre tomorrow and will speak to Shantele to see if she's available for Sept Forum. JT will wait to hear from LC re Shantele's availability and then email Helen Tandy. If she can't attend, then Stephen Maund could do.
    - TG:** to contact Wesley re payment of sub but nobody in office today.
    - AM:** Has emailed Matthew Jessop re payment of sub on behalf of Quakers but message undeliverable so clearly wrong email address. **BP will send correct address to AM**
    - BP:** Has been in contact with GM and ok to send out PowerPoint presentation to members
    - BP:** Has emailed Mike Roberts re data protection and cookies. Not had a reply as yet. BP has removed "contacts" page from website and TG not received any more spam emails so. Question is - if we need contacts form on the website how do we go about it without having this problem again. BP has asked Mike Roberts JT suggested a gmail account.
    - LC:** Has spoken to Pippa Lace and she has agreed to pay subs and prefers a hard copy rather than email.  
Matthew Sutton from And Albert paid subs  
Muslim Association paid subs
    - AM: Reminder to send out "Peace Train" information with next surface mail.**
  
  - Forum 10-7-18: Completed and emailed out but some editing needed before final version can go out.
  
- 3 **Finance & administration issues, including:**
  - Current bank balance: 31<sup>st</sup> July statement £533.78
  
  - Progress with Data Protection and website cookie requirements – see in "matters arising".
  
  - 2018 Membership – progress with non-respondents – dealt with in "matters arising". **JT will update the list and circulate**
  
- 4 **"Chester Meets the World"** – *(Discussion note attached, produced by Jacob's Ladder speaker, Neil Gibbons, as follow-up to the City of Sanctuary presentation)*  
The endorsement to support "City of Sanctuary" was carried at Forum meeting. Committee members differed considerably in their views on the discussion note. Questions such as "are we biting off more than we can chew" and "how do we differ in our aspirations from these other groups" were discussed. It was agreed that the note should be a starting point and needs further consideration. As a first step ask our constituent groups to say what their priorities are for the coming year and what they are working towards. The CWDF could then see how it could support, consider its role and organise specific events/activities. There seems to be general

consensus that CWDF's specific events and activities in Chester have not materialised of late.

Next step – invite Neil to committee meeting?

## 5 Arrangements for future Forum meetings:

- 11<sup>th</sup> September Forum – speaker maybe Shantele Janes, CHAWREC (TBC), or Helen Tandy from CFoE or Stephen Maund
- 13<sup>th</sup> November Forum – speaker Anthony McCarthy, volunteer work with “Classrooms in the Clouds”, Nepal
- TBA: special session on Arms Trade – no progress. **JT will make contact with someone from Chester CND group.**

## 6 CWDF Diary – update of 4-8-18 attached:

- BP needs more detail on Jubilee Debt event in Birmingham before updating the diary. **SB will find out more and send on to BP.**

## 7 Issues from around the table:

- Suggestion that we donate to MUCAARD from CWDF funds in view of the excellent work that Romy is doing in the Philippines. **Committee need to put this to members at Sept Forum meeting.** Suggestion would be £100. Also could encourage people to join MUCAARD.
- Both BP and LC went to Civic Trust meeting which was regarding the trip to Iran by Elizabeth Bott. Chris Russell should have gone but she couldn't get a visa. Both found it very interesting although there was no attempt in report back to tackle any of the difficult issues.
- International Women's Day is on March 8<sup>th</sup> 2019. CWDF could have a table at this event to promote CWDF. **LC will find out details**
- JT sent an email round from Global Citizen entitled “UK Aid: Where does it really go”. **Should we send this out to all our members?** It gives a more positive view of government aid!
- JT: Campaign against Barclay's Bank investing in tar sands. **JT will send a letter first to local branch and then ask for meeting. JT and TG will visit the bank**  
JT: Chester Sustainability Forum. No further information at present. JT attended a very interesting presentation given by Neil McGlinchy on the use of polylactic plastic

## 8 Arrangements for next mailing, surface and email –

To go out – minutes from Forum meeting held on 10.7.2018, covering note and notice of next Forum meeting, diary update and Information re “Peace Train”.

**BP will send AM the updates before goes on holiday. AM to photocopy on 29<sup>th</sup> Aug**

## 9 Next Committee meeting: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 7.30pm, Vicki's.

JT will do minutes for next committee meeting in AM's absence