

# Chester World Development Forum

## Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Monday 2 March 2020 at Vicki's

1 **Welcome:** TG chaired the meeting

**Present:** TG, JT, AM, VJ and GM

**Apologies:** BP and GG

2 **Minutes and matters arising:**

- Committee 3-2-20:
  - Leaflet now ready to go. VJ will scan it and send to Iain Buchanan for design and printing
  - BP sent sub form to Diane Williams
  - Unity centre booked for Chris Matheson evening
  - LC had contacted Stephen Maund about speaking at AGM
  - BP sent out email re Robin Roth talk and AM sent out surface mail
  - JT completed the form for Cathedral Exhibition and paid fee. JT has spoken to Helen Bland from Possible re joining us on
- Plus, to consider any points arising from notes of recent presentations:
  - Colin Watson, Climate Emergency, 14-1-20: No matters arising
  - Joe Howe, Decarbonisation 29-1-20 (*Attached, slightly modified version of John Tacon's report included in MouthPeace journal*)

3 **Finance & administration issues, including:**

- Current bank balance: JT has looked at our records for money paid in and out from the bank account, and BACS transfers he's been told about, and he estimates our bank account should stand at £508.56 at the end of February. He also has £12.56 in cash. During March, he will pay out £30 twice for room hire at The Unity Centre, and £1.72 to AM for mailings. Figures will be confirmed when JT receives next bank statement.
- 2020 subscriptions: still coming in and new members have paid up

4 **Brief post-mortem of any recent activities/ involvements:**

Fairtrade Fortnight:

Fairtrade Steering group held pop-up stall at Council meeting. Many bamboo socks bought.

Stall held in Chester Market on Friday and Saturday last week. Friday saw very poor sales but Saturday better. Around £68 of goods sold by Carpe Diem and around £38 by Chester Fairtrading

A number of Fairtrade events put on by the Neston group: a big fair, fashion show (with Chifundo), a coffee morning, and are having further activities this week

Also some activities at the University.

Heather Swainston did pop-up stall at Watergate House, which houses a number of company offices.

The Fairtrade display in Waitrose looked great – but JT felt it didn't really scream out "**FAIRTRADE**" as a headline message. He gave feedback to a senior 'partner' at the store – who welcomed the idea of having one of the CW&C Fairtrade Borough pop-ups on the display next year.

5 **Forthcoming events:**

- Tues 10 Mar: CWDF Forum, Linda & Stewart Shuttleworth re "Jamie's Fund", Uganda. Need projector. Some discussion took place on room arrangement as it was felt that it was too formal for our meetings.

- Sat 21 March: FoE Sustainable Chester Fair, 11.00-15.00, Rowton Hall
- Fri 27 March: Q&A session with Chris Matheson MP, 6.15pm. Unity Centre
- Tues 12 May AGM – Speaker Stephen Maund re Malawi community development work

## 6 Food Matters Conference, Autumn 2020:

Suggested date – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November from 10.00 – 4.00

### Title: The Diet Crisis – Can we feed the world sustainably?

GM would open the day with some statistics on diet crisis

Then 2 speakers in the morning to give “corporate view” from big companies.

Suggested speakers – one from Unilever (GM to contact)

and one from Iceland (Helen Tandy knows the CEO) so JT will contact Helen

Ask them to give the Unilever view and the Iceland view on “Can we feed the world sustainably?”

Talks to last for 45 minutes each and then attendees to fill in comment boards

Following lunch (probably bring your own) hold workshops.

Suggestions for workshops:

- Students – insects – Nutrition (VJ to research)
  - CAT – Jane Fisher - Where we are to where we should be in terms of UK food production
  - Alistair Roxburgh – Save the Children
  - Chris Matheson – can he get someone from DfID? JT will contact him
  - Someone from Oxfam/ CAFOD – food/malnutrition/obesity – AM to research
  - World Food Programme?
- Other suggestions for activities -  
Food games on-line?  
Update on SDGs

Coronavirus – connected to food production?

Rough timings for the day

10.00 - 10.30 Registration/coffee

10.30 – 10.45 GM intro

10.45 – 11.30 – speaker 1

11.45 – 12.15 – speaker 2

12.30 – 1.00 - lunch

1.00 – 4.00

3 workshops on offer to attendees. Choose 2? Workshops for 1 hour

Then panel at end

Ask Vice – Chancellor to sum up? She is very interested in conservation/sustainability

- ## 7 Issues around the table/ AOB: “Bring your own cup” to go on agenda. Suggestion that we may not have refreshments in future. VJ to buy world map.

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

- Next emailing, Wed 4 March – to include Diary update, Colin Watson and Joe Howe notes, plus reminder of 10 March Forum
- Surface mailing by Annie following 4 March copying - agreed

## 9 Next Committee meeting: Monday 6th April, 7.30pm, Annie’s?