

Chester World Development Forum

Minutes of the Committee Meeting via Zoom held on Monday 26 April 2021



- 1 Welcome:** TG chaired the meeting
Present: TG, BP, JT, VJ, GW, GM and AM
Apologies: LC and GM (after 7.25)
- 2 Minutes and matters arising:**
 - Committee 29-3-21:
 - Re TED talk on 7th June - work in progress by GM
 - TG sent thank you note to Martin Evans
 - JT sent cheque to DEC. JT will check on balance before AGM
 - Subs reminder – CFoP have paid subs. AM reminded SB
 - Annual report revised
 - GM visited Unity Centre and can use Zoom in there. They have a large interactive screen
 - BP sent out reminder re Jim’s talk. Surface mailing went out during Easter week
- 3 Post mortem: CWDF “Extra” held on 12-4-21 – Jim Holmes on R. Mekong**
 - Any feedback for Jim. VJ sent a draft of report. Very interesting talk. Good speaker with photos. Perhaps we could be “guinea pigs” for another talk. GM felt could do with more depth but perhaps that not his area of expertise. Would have been interesting to hear about who gets the water. Perhaps Jim would give us another talk for free and we could ask for a more detailed analysis of development/geo-political issues.
Perhaps look at TED talks to see if any would act as follow up on other major rivers.
 - Any lessons to take on board re future “Extras”?
- 4 Finance update:**

JT reported that members’ subscription payments have continued by cheque and – increasingly – by BACS transfers, so that by the end of April 2021, the bank balance stood at £664.41. A full financial report will be ready for the AGM
- 5 Website/Social Media update**

GW reported: Definite improvement with page “likes” on the up and up. Twitter is also doing better with more people looking at the profile. GW is sharing posts regularly. Henry’s talk on 11th May will go out and the reminders in next couple of weeks.
BP asked about Facebook page layout and whether it could be changed to look more appealing. GW gave us a quick lesson on use of Facebook.
- 6 Annual Report update:**

The report to be circulated before AGM. All committee members felt the report was excellent. **JT will add details of accounts and then report finalised**
- 7 Arrangements for CWDF AGM 11-5-21:**
 - Henry Sidsaph talk on Miténgo coffee – Henry will talk prior to the business meeting. GW has received a couple of advance questions for Henry.
 - AGM Business Agenda
All the papers will be sent out in advance, including an invitation to join the Committee.

TG will need to formalise GW and GM's addition to the committee. TG will formally propose the members of committee.

BP asked whether we should put it to our members that we change the dates of our meetings to fit in with the Eco-Communities Tellus programme. The fact is though that the Tellus programmes can be viewed later.

8 Future CWDF events, Zoom based (later ones possibly "Hybrid"):

- **CWDF Forum-by-Zoom Tues 13th Jul: "Fair Tax Now"**
Speaker Justin Thacker, Director of the campaign Church Action for Tax Justice. It calls for fairer national and global tax systems and puts forward a range of policy proposals designed to make the tax system fairer for all.
- **CWDF Forum Tues 14th Sept: "A Year of Summits"**
Gill Miller will provide an overview of the major international gatherings that have taken place and are still to take place over the course of 2021 – including the G7 and G 20 gatherings and, not least "COP 26"
- Further suggestions for the 2021 programme
 - Selected TED talk(s) – committee to continue looking
 - Others? Debt issue - AM to look into the "Cancel the Debt" campaign. BP will circulate notes following an interesting talk from a very knowledgeable person from Birmingham which was organised by Shropshire Global Justice

9 CWDF Diary:

Tellus programme for May

10 AOB:

BP: Re the Government's Integrated Review and the issue of nuclear weapons/disarmament - TG and BP have produced a paper which they hope to show and discuss at the AGM. If the paper is finished in time then it will be sent out beforehand. If it is not quite ready then they will tell people to expect it.

The Commons Select Committee on International Development is still running to scrutinise the development aspects of the work of the FCDO (Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office). There are more papers to read there.

TG: Wesley looking becoming an eco-church. Have formed a group.

JT: Lot of petitions and groups around at present aimed at getting financial organisations to stop funding fossil fuels. Also targeting insurance companies as they underwrite the financial institutions. **Perhaps we can target HSBC and Barclays locally. Keep this in mind for future action**

AM: Anybody heard of any proposals to go Glasgow for COP26? Groups seemingly waiting to see how Covid pans out

11 Arrangements for next email and surface mail circulations (Monday 3 May?)

Email circulation to go out Monday 3rd May and surface mail to go out after Wed 5th

12 Arrangements for next Committee meeting. – Mon 14th June via Zoom Note the change from our normal first Monday of the month. This is to accommodate the TED talk on 7th June.