

Chester World Development Forum

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 9 August 2023 at Annie's



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

- 2 **Minutes and matters arising:**
 - Committee 3 July circulated 12/06/23
 - Sam Dixon included a reference to the refugee crisis as requested by BP
 - GM did the minutes in AM's absence
 - AM not had chance to contact Sheila Little (Mayor) re 14th Nov. **TG will send official letter to Sheila. AM not yet had chance to speak to Chris Russell but will do so before next meeting**
 - BP has looked at updating website via Mike Roberts.
 - Forum Meeting 13 July circulated 10 July 20/23
Committee well impressed with Sam Dixon's very clear and well-prepared responses to the issues she'd been asked to speak about.
 - **TG to send a thank you note to the House of Commons.**
 - **JT will send copy of minutes to Dylan Topham for Sam's perusal / comments with an accompanying note to say the minutes should go out by end of month. Ask Lisa whether Sam would be happy to be included in our circulation.**

- 3 **Finance update:**

Balance at end June from bank - £397.05. JT has £20.95 in petty cash. £30 will go out for room hire leaving effective balance of £388. Outgoings for the remainder of the year will be £90 on room hire and £60 for website. That leaves £238 to use for the celebration in Nov.

- 4 **Website/Social Media update:** Nothing to report

- 5 **Future CWDF meetings events:**

19 September- Gill Miller on "Dealing with Disease- the role of global institutions and local players". **GM to set up Zoom**

14 November - Final Meeting - Peter Speirs and Philip Austin – "Work for Peace with specific focus on Quaker initiatives" followed by celebration of 30 years of CWDF.

6. **Arrangements for CWDF Celebration 14 November:**
 - Cake – **AM to sort**
 - Invites - **BP to find 25 year invite and edit it and send to JT. Stress need for RSVP**
 - **All committee to send list of speakers and email addresses and ideas for persons to invite**
 - Fairtrade wine- **Committee to look out for Fairtrade wine at supermarkets**
 - **AM to ask about hire of glasses at Morrisons**
 - **BP will look into doing PowerPoint which will run independently**
 - **JT will ask HS if she has any photos.**

Ensure that Vicki Jenner and Georgina Wilson invited
Do we need someone to do a speech?
Decision made to spend next 2 meetings discussing details.

- 8 Diary Update:**
Only additional event - Linda Shuttleworth's fundraiser in St Mary's Centre – Thai Meal on 24th Oct in support of Jamie's Fund
- 9 Arrangements for next email and surface mail circulations:**
JT will do update in 2 weeks. To go out - minutes of Forum meeting on 13th July, latest diary and reminder about next meeting on 19th Sept
- 10 AOB:**
Re CAFOD "Seeds for All" campaign -BP managed to get list of signatures at Forum meeting
- 11 Arrangements for next Committee meeting:**
Monday 4 September 7.30pm at Annie's

At the end of the meeting there was further discussion as to any future for CWDF. If we intend to carry on with a diary/newsletter, could we extend our mailing list to include our member groups' mailing lists? BP expressed concern about GDPR. Co-ordination of such information to go out could be quite a commitment.

Also, committee needs to think about the content of the letter to member groups before the final meeting.