

# Chester World Development Forum

## Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 1 May 2017 at Annie's

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

**2 Minutes and matters arising:**

- Forum 14-3-17: Minutes need slight amendment – “100 refugees instead of 100 families”. BP will amend prior to circulation,
- Committee 5-4-17: Minutes need slight amendments: “CHAWREC” misspelt and should say “William Tacon” not “John Tacon” with ref to negotiating a date for William to speak at joint meeting at university.  
It is understood that the improvements to lighting outside Unity Centre is “in hand”.  
AM not seen KS as yet with ref to paying subs. **LC agreed to phone KS, meet for coffee and ask for subs.**  
Re the cards from Fairtrade Foundation on Brexit – Sue Bownas has plenty of cards. Agreed that members should be asked to sign the cards but that meeting with MP to present the cards should be put on hold until after election  
Re John Bercow and “Parliament Week” – TG had obtained more information but decided that it would be too much for us to take part in.

**3 Forum AGM 9<sup>th</sup> May:**

- Prior to business part: Speaker Cat Barton re Chester Zoo environmental work  
AM has contacted Cat and awaiting a reply. (Subsequently AM has received a reply and all is in hand). She has requested the use of a laptop. This to be followed by students from university talking us through their “CWDF Sustainable Futures” project. They will have already presented their findings on May 8<sup>th</sup> at university which VJ, AM, BP and JT will have attended. JT and BP need parking permits. **JT will order permits from Roy Alex.** The students’ final report to be out in July. We could do with finding out date in time for our July meeting

- Business part:

Financial Report: - bank statement will probably arrive after meeting on Tuesday but JT considers figures are correct

**JT to circulate list of people and groups who haven't yet paid.** We need to chase up subs by phoning people after AGM when we see outcomes of students.  
Committee need to consider what we say to people re subs and how essential they are to our work - ie website, speakers, hire of hall.

Committee considered the Annual Report to be a true reflection of our work

Nominations for 2016/2017 plus election of officers

JT: happy to stay on as Treasurer

TG: happy to stay on as Chair

AM, VJ, LC and BP happy to remain on committee. GG not able to come to meetings at present but hopes to remain on the committee. **AM to speak to PB to confirm his resignation from the committee and get card for everyone to sign wishing him well.**

New members: Consider asking Matthew Jessop/ Sue Bownas. **BP will ring Matthew and AM will ask SB after BP spoken to Matthew.**

#### **4 Future Forum Meetings:**

- July 11<sup>th</sup> – Suggestions - Ian Bysh on Permaculture – link to climate change and sustainable development. He has done a course on permaculture and TG has been to one of his presentations or ask John Williams re “Three Jumbo Jets crash in a day”. **LC will ask KS for contact details when she sees her next week.**
- Sept meeting: Discussion about outcomes of students sustainable project

#### **5 CWDF Diary – update of 27-4-17 attached**

- Information on “Week of Action” re climate change. BP put some more details in diary
- AM mentioned an email from Brendan Cox, widower of Jo Cox, which asks for people to hold a community event on the weekend of 17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> June as part of “The Great Get Together”. Although CWDF not likely to hold an event we could publicise any event taking place in this area. **AM to contact Rob Seabrook.**  
**AM to send Brendan Cox’s email to BP**
- 16<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> May as possible dates for Pre- election meeting.  
**BP will email Fr Paul with copy to Brian Holroyd re whether Churches Together in Chester are planning a pre-election meeting**

#### **6 Issues from around the table:**

TG went to Chester Friends of Palestine meeting last week about Balfour Declaration.

“The Lost Boy” as advertised in the diary – several members been to see it. Well worth seeing.

#### **7 Arrangements for next mailing email and surface:** Financial report, notice of AGM, Forum Minutes plus report of AM’s talk, diary, Annual Report, covering email.

#### **8 Next Committee meeting: Mon 5<sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm, Vicki’s?**