

Chester World Development Forum

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Monday 31 October 2016 at Annie's

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

2 **Minutes and matters arising:**

- Forum 21-9-16 - session with Chris Matheson MP – Committee feel that he is “very much on our side”. Members who attended meeting were very impressed by his “conversation” with us. He made it quite clear that we were to continue raising issues re international development with him.
Re card signing for Amnesty International – the card signing event coincides with our next committee meeting on Dec 5th. Committee decided that we would obtain some cards and sign them at our meeting with the help of some festive liquid.
AM will collect some cards from Wendy Seiber for signing.
At Forum meeting, KR mentioned that CFoP are showing a film on Bethlehem. She will send a poster out shortly
- Committee 3-10-16: Some matters carried over - **AM to email GM with regard to speakers for some sort of event on theme of “Food for All”**
JT to contact Rev David Roberts re possibility of receiving information by email
Following BP's correspondence with Robin Wendt re Prue Wendt, it was decided to make a card available for people to sign next Tuesday, thanking Prue for her contribution over many years to CWDF. **AM will get a card.**
AM had spoken to PB earlier in the day. He is not able to come to meetings at present. **TG will send PB a get well card with our very best wishes.**
LC has attempted to get to grips with Facebook but is not finding it easy. She hasn't always got access to a computer. Maybe this is project for the students at the university to take on board for the “Sustainable Futures” part of their course?
- Stephen Twigg session 7-10-16: This was a very successful evening with a good turnout, great mixture of age groups and an interesting insight into the work of the Select Committee on International Development. It was regrettable that the start time was incorrect on poster. Meant that some geography students from King's school missed the talk.
NB: Send geog teacher a copy of the report back

3 **Future Forum meetings/activities:**

- **Tues 8th Nov:** Forum meeting. Open discussion session – *to include reflections on the MP sessions and considering our future priorities*
BP to bring projector. **AM will type up ideas for future actions/speakers from committee prior to the meeting and these can be projected for all to see on the screen.**
Mention our priorities of tax dodging, climate change, food for all and Fairtrade.
 - Support for HS and her Fairtrade initiative to get Fairtrade producers, who have visited Chester, to tell their stories of how fair trade has benefitted them. How can we use that material? JT will have meeting with HS when project developed a little further. Talk to her at CDEC. Possibly DVD/Skype.
 - SDGs – keep up to date with developments. TG will try and keep up with specific SDGs through various means eg NGOs

- Refugee issue and is there something we can do? Thinking of action eg finding out what the CWaC is planning.
 - Post – Brexit: issues of country going inward looking???? 38 degrees have put forward people’s agenda. Is this worth looking at for ideas?
 - Will EU be able to resist the onward march of GM and will they want to? Soil Association may be able to supply speaker
 - Re future Forum meetings - 17th Jan – Stephen Maund – setting up project in Malawi. Update from him?
Or GM and her recent trip to Ghana?
- **Tues 17th Nov:** Duncan Green “How Change Happens”, 7.30pm Best Building. Posters and flyers to be distributed. VJ suggested that we get people to sign in and then we know where they’re from and able to keep them informed of meetings etc

4 CWDF Diary – update of 29-10-16 attached:

- Amnesty International card signing on Dec 5th
- 17th Jan Forum speaker - possibly ask Stephen Maund to give us update on his project

5 Finance & administration issues, including:

- Current bank balance is £368.93. JT has received £8.00 sub from Heather L and Neville Jones. £ to be paid to Unity Centre.
- Arrangements for next mailing, email and surface. Diary, Chris Matheson report, covering letter from BP and flyer for Duncan Green event to be sent out. **BP will check details of Duncan Green and AM will do photocopying on 3rd Nov**

6 Issues from around the table/ AOB

- Barclays & fracking – JT and TG had positive reception from manageress at Chester branch of Barclays. She admitted that she didn’t know anything about fracking and climate change. Message from JT and TG on behalf of the Forum was that Barclay’s support of fracking is not in keeping with their community thinking. Also that the factual information from Barclays is incorrect – look at FoE website from info. Manageress took notes and was going to write up report with questions for directors.
- Students Sustainable Futures project: VJ will look into process for formal application. Need younger audience. How can we keep Forum going? Looking into using social media. Our interest in sustainable development.

7 Next Committee meeting: Monday 5 Dec, Vicki’s