

Chester World Development Forum

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Monday 3 December 2018 at Vicki's

1 **Welcome:** TG chaired the meeting

Present: TG, LC, BP, VJ, JT and AM

Apologies: GG

- Sue's resignation from the Committee. TG has responded thanking Sue for her contribution over the last few months.

2 **Minutes and matters arising:**

- Committee 5-11-18: JT contacted Peter Bulmer enquiring whether there was a "champion" of climate change on the Council. Karen Shore has environmental portfolio but seemingly no one person is a champion on climate change. Re Fairtrade Steering Group – CWaC are quite happy for steering group to keep in touch with general public. They will be running a Fairtrade stall in the market during Fairtrade Fortnight. And Albert, Chifundo and Fairtrade shop are on board with that. The next meeting is on 21st Jan next meeting. Peter, Matthew Sutton and JT trying to find out what else happening in Borough so that can publicise events more successfully. Matt Bryan – TG sent a letter to him re air quality. (See TG's letter)
- Forum 13-11-18: No matters arising. Note of Anthony McCarthy's talk is in preparation

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

- Current bank balance: Up-to-date statement not yet arrived but JT thinks balance is £225.51. (JT subsequently confirmed this amount to be correct - £196.71 in the bank and £28.80 in cash which includes the £14.50 collected in the tin after the Nov Forum meeting).
- Terry's end-of-year letter: Committee agreed letter hit just the right note. Photo to be included – one from 25 year celebration. New subs form to go out also

4 **Arrangements for future Forum meetings:**

- Tuesday 15th January Forum – speaker Helen Tandy "Ethical Investment/ Divestment"
- Tuesday 19th February – Climate Change session with Chester Sustainability Forum. Venue? Format? JT raised this at Chester Sustainability Forum, Transition Chester and CFoE. All these groups thought they could support. Sustainability Forum has had free use of room in Crowne Plaza Hotel but new manager has put paid to that. Now looking for a new venue. JT has agreed to be the lead contact on this proposal. So far JT has just floated the idea that groups should work together on climate change. He has emailed Colin Watson re venue. Idea is to send invitations out after Christmas and ask groups to come up with ideas of local actions we could do together. Possible venue – Chester Zoo. Could also possibly get speakers – JT has contacts in Liverpool. One suggestion is Oceanographer – expert on the rising or lowering of sea levels. Further suggestion - Catherine Green will have been to COP and can give us first -hand knowledge

- Tuesday 5th March - Nick Dearden "Special". This is a definite now - need for liaison with Gill Miller. GM will sort out accommodation, we will pay travel expenses. GM sent him couple of egs of posters so he can see format. **TG to liaise with GM re timings, format, entertaining and a room and also ask about 19th Feb possibility**
- Tues 12 March – Still on climate change? Could use this meeting as follow-up on any points aired at 19th Feb session plus hopefully a talk by Jude Limb from Christian Aid on "The Big Shift" campaign.
- Tues 14 May AGM – Shantele Janes re CHAWREC. **LC/BP will remind her nearer the time.**
- Tues 9 July – Speaker? Possibility of Russian Oceanographer?

5 CWDF Diary – update of 1-12-18 attached:

- Christian Aid Advent Hope event 16th Dec at 6.30 in Caldly Valley Community Church

6 Issues from around the table:

BP met Ken Walker, Baptist minister, who has been approached to take on role previously run by Claire Henderson - Davies (She had 3 year contract with Cathedral and ran workshops – one on refugees - which led to Jacob's Ladder being formed and subsequently Chester being a City of Sanctuary

7 Arrangements for next mailing, surface and email:

Photocopying to be done on 2nd Jan. To include - November Forum minutes with report of Anthony's talk, end of-year letter, diary and new subs form.

8 Next Committee meeting: Monday 7th January 10.00am Annie's?