

# Chester World Development Forum

## Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Monday 7 January 2019 at Annie's

- 1 **Welcome:** TG chaired the meeting  
**Present:** TG, VJ, LC, JT, AM  
**Apologies:** BP and GG
- 2 **Minutes and matters arising:**
  - Note of Anthony McCarthy's talk "Classrooms in the Clouds" – completed. Some photos from PowerPoint copied in. BP will do necessary editing
  - Committee 3-12-18 – JT has tried to contact Colin re venue for meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> Feb. But clearly he is very busy with the upcoming inquiry. Not sure at this stage who will lead the meeting. Hopefully, Chester FoE and Sustainability Forum will get involved. Idea is to bring issue of climate change to life in Chester.
- 3 **Finance & administration issues, including:**
  - Current bank balance statement: JT been waiting for a new bank statement ... in vain, it turns out, as there were no transactions recorded/processed during December 2018. Therefore the position remains as it was at the end of November 2018: £196.71 in the bank plus cash-in-hand of £28.80 = £225.51. Cheques JT picked up from Committee members will be paid in soon. AM has been paid her expenses  
(Subsequently cheques have come in from Gill Miller & Pam Price and JT has moved £10 of cash into the account = £58 paid in. Since then, Jean Cornes has sent a cheque and JT needs to pay out £30 for room hire).
- 4 **Arrangements for future Forum meetings:**
  - Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January Forum – speaker Helen Tandy "Ethical Investment/ Divestment". JT will email Helen re equipment needed
  - Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February – Climate Change session with Chester Sustainability Forum. Venue? Format? Not decided as yet. Catherine Green happy with this date for her giving talk on COP 24. AM handed out "Flow chart" listing our general aims with a view to what actions we could take re climate change to fulfil our aims. Might be useful starting point in preparation for the meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> Feb, Committee members to put forward ideas and write on chart for next committee meeting.
  - Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March - Nick Dearden talk "Rising National & Personal Debt & Impact on Aid". 7.30pm Best Building. Gill Miller preparing flyer – and will accommodate Nick. CWDF to cover travel expenses  
**TG will email Nick re getting advance train ticket and explore the possibility of Global Justice Now promoting the event on their website**
  - Tues 12<sup>th</sup> March – Open session on climate change. Follow-up on any points aired at 19 Feb session + update by Jude Limb on Christian Aid's "Big Shift" campaign
  - Tues 14 May AGM – Shantele Janes re CHAWREC

- Tues 9 July – Speaker? Council member possibly. How the council policy is addressing climate change in the Borough. **LC will make some enquiries.**  
**Peter Bulmer is possibility**

**5 CWDF Diary – update of 4-1-19 attached:**

- 30<sup>th</sup> Jan at 7pm at QMH. Andrew Lane, Director of the Quaker Council for European Affairs in Brussels – Hope over Fear in International Politics
- CWDF member attendance specially requested for the IGas public Inquiry, and the Eritrea talk arranged by Gill Miller in the Best Building at the university. Dates for the Inquiry - 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> Jan, 22<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan and talk on Eritrea – 12<sup>th</sup> Feb

**6 Issues from around the table:**

JT: Council have given Fairtrade Group a stall in market during Fairtrade Fortnight Will need volunteers to “person” the stall. And Albert, Chifundo, Chester Fairtrading on board and possibly items from “Suma” and “Just Footprints”

Next meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> Jan at 10.30 - possibly in Wesley? Venue to be confirmed

VJ: Has Ethical Consumer magazine which contains information on how to avoid using Amazon. She will read up first and then précis it for committee.

TG: **Using social media????? To be discussed as AOB at next committee meeting**

**7 Arrangements for next mailing, surface and email: After next committee meeting**

**8 Next Committee meeting: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February 7.30pm, Vicki’s**