

Chester World Development Forum

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Zoom session on Monday 2 Nov 2020:



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

- 2 **Minutes and matters arising:**
 - Committee 13-10-20:
 - BP has sent round notes re Chris Matheson Zoom session. AM added to it but others haven't yet. **Please do asap**
 - Mike Roberts been paid for website
 - Flyer completed
 - Lindsay contacted Stephen Maund
 - "Fratelli Tutti" been sent round. BP suggested it would be good if Ciara could make mention of it at Jan meeting
VJ asked whether there would there be a child's version? **AM to contact Ciara re this**

- 3 **Recent events, brief comments:**
 - TG went to CFoP vigil at the Cross last Saturday. 6 people took part and held placards. TG reported that they were clearly noticed by passers-by and people were reading the placards. He felt it was worthwhile doing.

- 4 **Finance update:**

No change to the membership position as reported to the last Committee meeting. JT has not yet received a bank statement from the Co-op, but he did check the balance in the branch: our account had £310.41 in it on 30 October. However, the £30 cheque we gave to CHAWREC as a donation on 09 September for missed room hire has not been presented for payment(!), so our real position is £280.41 in the bank plus cash in hand, less whatever mailing expenses Annie has yet to claim.
TG met Mohammed from the Muslim Association at vigil last Sat and he will ask whether would like to join again.

- 5 **CWDF leaflet** – now ready to finalise. Committee agreed the format. BP to send out flyer with next mailing. VJ will email Ian to thank him and ask whether he can give us quote to print 1,000 copies on thinner quality recycled paper

- 6 **Future CWDF events, Zoom based:**
 - **CWDF Forum Tues 3 Nov:** Stephen Maund's Malawi project
 - Attendance requests so far: Committee (6) plus 6 others. (Monday deadline for requests) BP will send link round tomorrow
 - Agenda – suggested draft attached. Agenda agreed by committee
 - **CWDF Forum Tues 12 Jan:** Ciara Hogan Community Participation Coordinator for CAFOD. **AM to liaise with Ciara and ask for her presentation to refer to**

- 7 **CWDF Diary:** Current version 28-10-20 attached.
AM referred to the request from CFoP to join their Zoom session this Wednesday at 7.30. The Secretary wishes to know whether they still have members' support. Committee commented that CWDF does still support their aims but the times of meetings have not been convenient. We do continue to advertise things in the diary. TG informed us that CCFoP's next event is on 9th Dec - lecturer from Jerusalem University. **TG to send BP the details re 9th Dec to go in diary**
- 8 **AOB/ other matters of interest:**
BP: had received a card from Pam Price thanking us for keeping in touch. She cannot attend meetings at present because she is shielding but very much enjoys receiving our regular updates.
BP: commented on anti-Semitism within Labour Party report from Equalities Commission which he is reading. BP seems to think the report focuses more on the handling of the issue within the Labour Party rather than commenting on the distinction between Israeli State and the Jewish Nation
JT: HS has been working with CWaC to open a Fairtrade pop up shop. It's clearly not going to happen now because of new Covid restrictions. But JT hoping it will open late Nov/ early Dec. Will then need volunteers
VJ: Namrata's talk - Final version is on the members' section of the website but **he will also send round the slightly amended final version**
AM: Update from Jubilee Debt - G20 cancelled debt for 6 months but World Bank refusing to take part
AM: just a suggestion re holding future Forum meetings in university? May get a younger audience?
LC: Went to see film on Greta Thurnberg. Very moving film and well worth seeing
TG: Reported from Global Justice Now re food and future trade deals - government ministers performed a U-turn and announced concessions on food standards in future trade deals. First, they promised the new Trade and Agriculture Commission will last for at least three years, rather than 6 months, giving it time to better scrutinise trade deals. Second, they are promising that the government will have a duty to report to parliament on whether new trade deals are consistent with maintaining our standards.
Given it's only three weeks since the government refused to even hold a vote on a similar amendment, we know that this is a result of serious pressure from campaigners. But **while these changes are useful, it's important to note they are not sufficient to prevent the threat of lower standard food ending up in Britain.**
(For full report go to Global Justice now website)
- 9 **Arrangements for next email and surface mail circulations:** Send out toward end of Nov – to include minutes of Forum on 3rd Nov, Chifundo newsletter, notes from Chris Matheson Zoom session and copy of new flyer. Re the flyer - suggestion that we ask members if anyone has access to low cost printing
- 10 **Arrangements for next Committee meeting.** – Mon 7th December – 7.30 Zoom session