

# Chester World Development Forum



## Minutes of Committee Meeting held via Zoom on Monday 1 Feb 2021:

Hosted by Gill Miller, Chair: Vicki Jenner

**1 Welcome:** VJ chaired the meeting in TG's absence

**Present:** GM, BP, AM, GW, VJ and JT

**Apologies:** LC and TG

### 2 Minutes and matters arising:

- Committee 4-1-21: Red entries
- Re chairing future committee meetings: **VJ will contact TG to see if he is willing/able to chair the next meeting**
- Re flyer – decision to be made as to where to put Facebook and Twitter logos. Decision made to move website line up and then put logos either side underneath
- Henry Sidsaph (GW's friend) been contacted and will speak at May meeting
- Website and social media update is included later in the agenda
- AM emailed JT with receipts
- Numbers issue for Forum meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> Jan was resolved and Ciara Hogan contacted
- GW has contacted Martin Evans as a possible speaker for a future Forum
- Forum-by-Zoom 12-1-21, including note of Ciara Hogan talk:  
Some members of the committee would have liked more detail on Cafod's new campaign "Reclaim our Common Home"

### 3 Finance update:

Bank statement as of 3<sup>rd</sup> February £533.41 plus £6.83 cash in hand making the balance £540.24. JT also has cheque for £15 to be paid in.

Many members have paid their subs online and JT needs to be able to check this to confirm so is looking into telephone banking.

Re continuing payments to the Unity Centre now that meetings are via Zoom – committee decided not to continue paying but need to confirm this decision with TG. **VJ will email him.**

JT asked the committee to consider giving a donation to DEC for the coronavirus appeal. Decision to be made after JT receives the latest bank statement

### 4 Website and Social Media: progress to date:

BP has updated diary entries on website and included information about the "Tellus" programme from Chester Eco communities. BP still has concerns about security and backup on the website. **BP to contact Mike Roberts to see if he provides backup.**

Safeguarding is covered. BP more concerned about protecting data

Re Social media – GW has posted 2 notifications. – 1 on Linda and Stewart

Shuttleworth's talk and one on the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill. In the last 7 days engagement has increased greatly. **GW will set up the Twitter page this week and send us all the link.** JT mentioned including information from "Global Citizen Now" and also the Chester Eco- Communities programme on Tuesday evenings.

Fairtrade Fortnight events are all online this year so information on that could go on Facebook.

**GW has linked in to lots of UN events and she will look through to see if anything relevant that she could post on our page**

## 5 Future CWDF events, Zoom based:

- **CWDF Forum 7.00pm Tues 9 March:**  
Martin Evans to speak on “Development interventions and social realities in paddy rice farming, South Senegal” - He is an Honorary Research Fellow, Centre for Agroecology, Water and Resilience: Coventry University
- Suggestions for building up the 2021 programme:
  - Henry’s talk at May meeting entitled “Miténgo coffee, planting through ethical coffee”. GW will liaise
  - GM’s idea of watching one of Bill Gates’ talks on Climate Change on Youtube. Good to have something as a backup
  - MOOC – free online courses. **GM will find out more.**
  - BP suggested we compile an audit of all ideas people have come up with to run alongside diary. Needs to be a bit more detail.
  - 3 major events coming together this year - UN Food Systems Summit Feb 2021, G7 in June and COP26 in Nov. **GM will put all things together and send information and links to committee.** Could also go on social media
  - GM suggested that she could do a summary of all the global events for Sept meeting and this could prompt some firm actions from the Forum
  - JT’s son Paul has signed a contract to rent a house near Geneva from 01 April.– keep him in mind for future talk.

## 6 CWDF Diary: Current version 30-1-21 attached.

Suzanne Freegard: Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> Feb 7.30 via Zoom - Achieving Global Justice in International Debt. Global Justice Shropshire is hosting a public talk by Revd Canon John Nightingale, Chair of Jubilee Debt Campaign Birmingham,

JT: Fairtrade Fortnight: **JT will email details to BP**

AM: Chester Zoo – update on Sustainable Palm oil via Zoom on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> Feb, 9.30am

JT: Update on Exhibition and Conference on Sustainability - Diane Williams no longer the contact

**BP: will put details of CFoE/Eco- communities “Tellus” events in Feb on website**

BP: 14<sup>th</sup> Feb – Greenpeace/XR and Chester Cycling campaign – event. Details to follow

## 7 AOB/ other matters of interest:

JT: Re Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill - Seemingly our MP has not supported it. It’s due for debate in the second week in March. **Committee encouraged to look into the details and discuss at next meeting.** GM suggested that could ask the Forum for views at next meeting

BP: Commented on the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership, which the UK wishes to join (formal application 1-2-21). When the US under Trump withdrew from the agreement the 11 other countries continued to negotiate and dropped a number of clauses the US had insisted on – notably, one that would have increased the ability of companies to sue national governments (equivalent to ISDS concept?). We need to understand more.

JT: CWaC Fairtrade Steering group meeting last week. The steering group are putting pressure on CWaC to promote Fairtrade in the Borough and celebrate the re-accreditation.

## 8 Arrangements for next email and surface mail circulations:

Mailing to go out at the weekend to include minutes of Forum on 12<sup>th</sup> Jan with Ciara Hogan’s talk, latest diary, subs form and Chifundo newsletter.

## 9 Arrangements for next Committee meeting. – Mon 1 March via Zoom