

Chester World Development Forum

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Monday 11 July at Vicki's



- 1 **Welcome:** TG chaired the meeting
Present: TG, LC, JT, AM, VJ, GM
Apologies: BP
- 2 **Minutes and matters arising:**
 - Committee meeting on 2nd May
 - AM still to find out about constitution from BP
 - AM to contact SB about CAFOD sub although Cafod group has ceased to function
 - VJ - looking into issue of whether a password is needed to access the website. May put some people off using the website. It needs to be as accessible as possible. No need for committee minutes to go on the website? Forum minutes from the past couple of years to go on the website but leave off the attendance lists on. **Recap this at next Forum.**
GM will look into creating an Icloud archive for storage of minutes.
 - JT to draft letter re Barclays
 - GM sent 38 degrees contact to us
 - GM to contact Mark Bendall re appropriate content for Paul Tacon's talk in November. Paul is deputy to the leader of ILO Migration Team. Impact of climate change on migration would be one suggestion. May attract geographers and A Level students. JT will speak to son to see if that's a reasonable topic. If he doesn't think that's appropriate then JT will contact GM.
 - Forum AGM meeting on 10th May:
Issue arising from the meeting – BP asked whether there had been any response from the government to TG's letter re the proposed increase in nuclear weapons. TG felt that, given the present political turmoil, it would not be worth resending at present.
Issue of Barclays Bank and investment in fossil fuels - suggestion that invite someone from Barclays to speak at a forum meeting?
- 3 **Reflections on poor attendance at AGM:**

Concerns were expressed to members via email – were there any reactions from CWDF members? No. Best attendance was the post COP26 meeting but of course that was just after the event. The Sustainability Forum is very active. Perhaps we need to tap into it
- 4 **Finance update:**

End of May account balance was £349.11, with nothing outstanding to be processed, and we have £28.35 in petty cash, giving us a total of **£377.46**.

As we only have 3 Forum meetings to go, costing us £90 in room hire, we are well placed to be healthily solvent at the end of 2022 - especially if we can extract subscription renewal payments from the various organisations who have not yet paid. These include Wirral Trade and Justice group, Chester Muslim Association, St Columba's group (**AM to contact BP**) and Chester Fairtrading. **TG will speak to Lesley Moseley**
- 5 **Website/Social Media update:** BP will continue to add things on website but doesn't

want to do a revamp of the site.

6 Future CWDF and related events:

- July 19th – Linda and Stewart Shuttleworth on trip to Uganda.
GM will use her laptop and JT will contact Linda and Stewart to see what they need. Run it through GM's laptop. GM will send JT the Zoom link.
TG will also give presentation on a workshop he attended "Build Back Together" – flood prevention and Mike Johnson will give an update on City of Sanctuary
- Sept 13th – Dr Mark Bendall from Chester Uni "Challenges in Global Politics – mis-use and mis-governance
GM's suggested that we hand out a leaflet outlining our programme to encourage people to come to future events. **Need to discuss this at next committee meeting in August**
- Suggestions for 2022/23 programme – keep Serval Miller (from the University)– name for the future

7 CWDF Diary:

Nothing new to go in at present.

Great Big Green Week – **JT will do a diary update with details**

24th Sept – opening event in Grosvenor Park – should we have a stall with Chester Fairtrading?

8 Arrangements for next email and surface mail circulations:

JT will send an email with reminder of 19th July Forum meeting and a diary Update by end of week. AM will do surface mail soon after

9 AOB: None

10 Arrangements for next Committee meeting – Monday 15th August 2022

7.30 at Annie's. Little celebration planned for Vicki's last meeting. Perhaps have Zoom link so BP can join in ??