

# Chester World Development Forum

## Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Monday 6 December 2021



- 1 **Welcome:** TG chaired the meeting  
**Present:** TG, LC, VJ, GM and AM  
**Apologies:** GW, JT and BP
- 2 **Minutes and matters arising from Committee meeting on 5.11.21:**
  - JT has booked the Unity Centre for 14<sup>th</sup> Dec
  - GM “researched” a suitable short film for discussion
  - JT has included more events in the diary
  - AM delivered surface mail
  - Brief update on Exhibition in Cathedral – Some interest shown but largely preaching to the “converted”. Lighting (or non-existent lighting) was a problem. Thinking that an interactive map possible for the future. Leaflet proved popular. On the whole it was felt that the cloisters was not a suitable venue.
- 3 **Finance update:**

Thanks to a membership payment from Cllr Paul Bowers who joined on 16 November, our petty cash went up to £16.27 before JT paid AM's expenses of £3.44, leaving us £12.83 in cash.

Our last bank statement showed a balance of £210.68. Since then, we have paid 2 x £30 by cheque to CHAWREC for room hire, so when the cheques clear (Anita Dean promised she would expedite them) we will be left with £150.68 in the bank, and a total of £163.51.
- 4 **Website/Social Media update:**

Twitter: GW hasn't posted much since the last forum meeting but we got some good traffic due to the meeting from different groups and retweets

Facebook: Likewise has not posted much, but we have managed to do well from the last forum meeting. GW has posted and also scheduled posts for the next forum meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup>. The last forum meeting post received 14 likes and also has a reach of 218 people which is always good news.

There has been 32 new page likes, up 700% and an 85% increase in page visits, suggesting that we are gaining more interest, albeit slowly.
5. **Follow up re COP26: alone or in co-operation with other local groups:**

The following points were made:

  - It was a really worthwhile event in bringing the various groups together and networking but CWDF must keep a clear focus on “development”
  - GM has spoken with Tammy Hunt at the university who is hoping to hold event in Feb during Fairtrade Fortnight – Sustainability and Environmental groups. We could be intermediaries.
  - Research possible speakers from Christian Aid/CAFOD/Oxfam. **AM will speak to Katy Rowe.**
  - **JT to ask those groups who came to our event to keep us up-to-date on their events re climate change.**
- 6 **Future CWDF and related events, Zoom based (later ones possibly**

**“Hybrid”):**

- **December 14<sup>th</sup>** - social networking and groups update – any group actions and plans for next year from our member organizations. GM suggested watching the film “Climate Change – one of Africa’s biggest issues”. It’s just 16 minutes long and good basis for discussion. Ask members for ideas on how to take forward action. **AM to get wine, GM to get mince pies and napkins and LC bring soft drinks.** We also need to decide on questions to send to Chris Matheson.
- **January 28<sup>th</sup>** - Chris Matheson 7.00 – 9.00
- **March meeting** – 2<sup>nd</sup> March meeting at university??

**7 CWDF Diary: nothing to add**

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

**JT to send out reminder of next week’s meeting plus note about film to be shown plus minutes of Nov meeting and updated diary if needed. AM will do the surface mail.**

**9 AOB:**

Just for information – AM and TG attended the Chifundo Fair on 24th Nov and TG also went to Baha’i meeting  
TG spoke about Chester Friends of Palestine “bread making” fund raising project.

**10 Arrangements for next Committee meeting** – Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022  
7.30 at Vicki’s