

Chester World Development Forum

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Monday 1 May 2023 at John's



- 1 **Welcome:** TG chaired the meeting
Present: TG, BP, LC, AM and JT
Apologies: GM
- 2 **Minutes and matters arising:**
 - Committee 3 April circulated 25/04/23
 - AM has sent confirmation of subs payment to Carol Murphy
 - **JT will check with Steven Hughes**
 - AM sent JT information on CAFOD campaign
 - JT sent out information on Malawi cyclone
 - Forum 14 March: Amendment to business matters - TG did chair the meeting and was present. Apologies from Annie
- 3 **Finance update:**

JT has not received a new statement. Amnesty group have paid their subs. JT raised the issue of what to do with the money in the account once CWDF finishes at end of year. Various suggestions made – donations to charities, pay for a well-known speaker at final meeting. JT shared the idea of keeping the website going as an “information gatherer” and would need some money for that. BP said there had been 231 visitors to the website over the last 30 days.
- 4 **Website/Social Media update:**

No update on social media
- 5 **Future CWDF meetings events:**

9 May: CWDF AGM – Present committee all willing to stay on to end of year and therefore no need to ask for nominations
Any motions? – There needs to be an item relating to the future of Forum – just a paragraph. **JT will do a first draft**
Annual report: - JT has edited it and will post out to everyone. **BP will add names of paid-up groups**
Annual Finance report: **JT has yet to do**
Item for agenda: Cafod seed campaign and signing
Steve Hughes will be invited to speak first

13 July: Sam Dixon as speaker now confirmed. **TG will email Sam** and ask her to tell us about her first 6 months in office, International Development within the Labour Party with reference to the plans for the aid budget and her thoughts about climate crisis. **TG to send Sam a copy of our annual report.**
JT has booked the Unity Centre

19 September: note change date to avoid clash with Quaker Meeting. Possible speaker from Quakers via Peter Spiers. **JT will ask Peter.**

14 November: Final Meeting? Drinks and refreshments
6. **Events with Eco Communities:**

This event not now taking place in the park but on the water front opposite the Riverside University building. Decision made to still have a presence
JT will reply to Helen Tandy's email re that decision and AM will do

a rota for the day. There is to be a Green event in the Grosvenor Park on 23rd Sept

- 7 **Latest Diary:** 13th July meeting, changes to Green expo week
- 8 **Arrangements for next email and surface mail circulations:**
Minutes of 14th March,
updated diary, agenda for AGM annual report, Finance report, reminder of AGM
- 9 **AOB:** AM: Any news on possibility of meeting with Andrew Mitchell?
TG: Heard a speaker from a charity called Kimbilio – Kimbilio supports street children in Lubumbashi in DRC
JT: Alerted committee to new alarm set -up in Unity Centre
- 10 **Arrangements for next Committee meeting–** 30th May 2023 7.30pm at Annie's