

Chester World Development Forum

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Monday 4 September 2023 at Annie's



1 **Welcome:** TG chaired the meeting

Present: TG, BP, LC and AM

Apologies: GM and JT

2 **Minutes and matters arising:**

- Committee 9 August circulated 28/08/23
 - AM filled in form to Sheila Little, Lord Mayor, requesting her attendance at meeting on 14th Nov
 - Chris Russell – **AM will contact her.**
 - TG has sent thank you note to Sam Dixon
 - JT sent copy of July 13th minutes to Dylan in Sam Dixon's office?

3 **Finance update:** No change in bank balance

4 **Website/Social Media update:**

BP has spoken to Mike Roberts and informed him that CWDF would finish in November in its present form. It may be we will want to keep the website going in a different form and he has agreed to help us with that.

As far as "visitors" to the website - very modest numbers. Only 70 recorded in the last month. In the lead is the home page. Visits to diary - not many since March – only 8.

Need really to have a Facebook page that appeals.

There was a suggestion that the committee meet with Mike Roberts to discuss a possible way forward- possibly an improved, more appealing website and Facebook page. Any ideas gratefully accepted.

Item to go on agenda for committee meeting on Oct 2nd – arrange date for committee to meet with Mike.

Wondered whether Heather S had any ideas???

5 **Future CWDF meetings events:**

19 September: Gill Miller- Dealing with Disease- "the Role of Global Institutions and Local Players" - 7pm Unity Centre

14 November: Final Meeting - Peter Speirs and Philip Austin – "Working for Peace – Quaker Initiatives"

Plus Celebration of 30 Years of CWDF

6. **Arrangements for CWDF Celebration 14 November:**

Suggested plan

- Sheila as Lord Mayor will attend in regalia. She would just like a brief history of our activities. **BP has offered to do.** As her theme for the year is volunteering then ask her to thank all volunteers
- Encourage people to come for speaker – include on invitations
- **AM to update the 2 lists of attendees at 25 year celebration and speakers send to BP and he will add any other speakers**

- Begin celebration at 8pm start with PowerPoint to show our activities over past 30 years. Then invite Lord Mayor to speak. Invite any members to say a **few** words.
- Then wine and cake. Waitrose sell Fairtrade wine and can hire glasses from there for free. Asda can put photo of logo on cake – takes minutes apparently.

7 **Diary Update-** to be done on JT's return

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

To go out - Minutes of Forum meeting on 13th July, reminder of meeting on 19th Sept and diary update.

9 **AOB:** Suggestion that committee have celebration meal in January

10 **Arrangements for next Committee meeting– Monday 2 October 7.30pm at John's**