

# Chester World Development Forum

## Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Monday 2 October 2023: 7.30pm at John's



- 1 **Welcome:** TG chaired the meeting  
**Present:** TG, JT, GM, LC, AM, and BP

2 **Minutes and matters arising:**

- Committee 4 September circulated 17/09/23
  - AM has been in touch with Chris Russell re 14<sup>th</sup> Nov
  - Tonight's agenda includes an item re meeting between Mike Roberts, BP and JT
  - BP has written a brief history for Lord Mayor. JT has edited.
  - AM has updated the invite list and sent to BP
  
- Forum Meeting 19 September: Minutes to be done tomorrow.

3 **Finance update:**

No update from the bank – the amount in the bank has not changed since last Forum meeting. Approx £240 will be left in the account after website fee paid and the hire of rooms on 14<sup>th</sup> Nov

4 **Website/Social Media update:**

BP has been in touch with Mike Roberts and he's offered 2 dates for a planning meeting- 30<sup>th</sup> and 31 Oct. from 2 – 4. BP thinking that could use the Newman Room at St Columba's but would have to pay £20 an hour. The room does have good WiFi. Layout and content will need to be discussed with Mike plus asking whether other organisations would be able to put information on the website. **BP will check booking of the room**

5 **Future CWDF meetings events:**

14 November: Final Meeting - Peter Speirs and Philip Austin - Work for Peace Plus Celebration of 30 Years of CWDF  
Sheila Little may now come for the whole meeting as her previous engagement has been cancelled.

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

BP has prepared a briefing note and JT has amended to shorter version. It was thought that the shorter version, with a few slight amendments, would be appropriate for the Mayor and the longer version could go to members.

- **Add that the committee are all volunteers as this is Lord Mayor's theme for the year.**
- **The history needs to go to Sheila by 31<sup>st</sup> Oct**
- **BP will check the invitation and send to JT with list of members and speakers**
- **Need to check whether Sam Dixon on the list. Unlikely that she can intend but she must receive an invite**
- **AM to get wine, soft drinks, 1 large cake with logo, boxes of smaller cakes, serviettes**
- **Invites to go out asap**

### **Programme for the evening:**

7 to 7.45 - Speakers

Move to other room where given glass of wine and small cake.

8 to 8.10 - BP's PowerPoint

8.15 to 8.20 - Lord Mayor speak and cut the celebration cake.

8.20 – anybody else want to say something

Whilst this happening – cut up cake and give out

This should allow about Half hour for people to socialise

### **7. Follow on from CWDF after November 2023:**

TG asked for some idea of what to announce for the future of CWDF.

- Continue with the website following discussion with Mike Roberts
- What would be the “thread” of the website?
- Which groups might want to put information on the website? Possibly Amnesty, Christian Aid, City of Sanctuary, Chifundo, Wesley, Quakers, Greenpeace, Eco Communities, Chester Fairtrading. These groups could be listed as “contributing” to website?
- Keep producing a diary on the website.
- Titles – “Chester World Development and Sustainability”, “Chester Development Hub”???

JT will send out this idea to members and ask for comments  
Committee to think about this further

### **8 Diary Update- last circulated:**

2 items to be included:

- 21<sup>st</sup> October – Autumn Fair from 11 - 3 in Wesley. Fairtrade goods on sale
- 18<sup>th</sup> Nov – fundraiser for Christian Aid – Organ Day from 10.30 – 2 in Wesley. AM to send poster to JT and BP

### **9 Arrangements for next email and surface mail circulations:**

Items to go out - updated diary, reminder of Nov 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting, minutes of last Forum and Christian Aid poster of organ recital in Wesley

### **10 AOB: none**

### **11 Arrangements for next Committee meeting– Monday 6 November 7.30pm at Annie's**