

HARTLEPOOL FOR GLOBAL PEACE AND JUSTICE

Minutes of meeting on 9/1/17

Present: Chris Eddowes (Chair), Richard Eddowes, Diane Wanduragala, Martin Green, Keith Gorton, Bill White, Michael Unwin, Jennifer Kerridge

Apologies: Lynn Fletcher, Irene Green,

Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on 12 December 2016 were accepted as a true record except for "Martin Rycraft instead of Martin Rycroft" and "Farhan Ali instead of Fahan Ali"..

Matters Arising

- **Tax Dodging** KG reported that he had forwarded HBC's response to Christian Aid to check that HBC's procedures met the Sourced Campaign criteria. Christian Aid (North East) had forwarded our letter to the head of the Sourced Campaign and a reply was expected soon.
- **CETA (Trade Agreement)** CE reported that a Canadian friend had indicated that there appeared to be little concern about the effects of CETA in Canada.
- **Andy Lie (Palestine Observer)**. Venue would be St Georges church hall on 13th February at 7.30pm. The meeting would be an open meeting at which tea and coffee would be available. CE had contacted Churches Together and she would be sending all churches a poster. It was suggested that:
 - the Hartlepool Mail should be informed
 - Andy Lie be asked to provide a title for his presentation.
 - If possible a poster should be placed in the Library.
- **Cadburys** Concern was expressed regarding the public perception of labelling Cadburys' products with "Fairtrade Approved" rather than the well known Fairtrade motif. The members felt that there would be confusion and felt that Fairtrade should publicise clearly the difference between the two. It was not clear how the price paid to farmers would compare with the price paid for a Fairtrade product. It was recognised that arguments had been made by Mondelez (owner of Cadburys) that greater number of farmers would benefit from the "Cocoa Life" project.

Accounts for year ending March 31st 2016 have been audited by R Elliston. Transactions in the current year are:

- Fairtrade donation (income) £12
 - Gift to Interplast UK £50
- Current balance is £316.31

AGM Will be held in March.

Fair Trade

MG reported on plans for FT Fortnight:

- Fairtrade Fortnight (27 January – 12 March) theme is "Make your Break a Fairtrade Break.
- Trying to get as many schools involved as possible. 40 packs of material ordered..
- A Bake Off competition (biscuits, cookies) is planned to be held at Catcote Academy.
- There may not be a Fairtrade stall in the Middleton Grange shopping centre this year because Catcote Academy may have opened a shop in the shopping centre by that time. There will be a Fairtrade notice board/display
- Consideration was being given to a suggestion by Middlesbrough FTTSG of having flash mobs armed with flasks of FT coffee during FT Fortnight..
- MG has tried to contact (without success so far) Women's Institutes in Hartlepool with a view to them using FT during their breaks. JK suggested that he might try the Townswomen's Guild and CE suggested the "Men's Shed".
- MG said he would contact GP&J members if assistance is needed in FT Fortnight.

MG also reported:

- The Fairtrade pop up shop in Middlesbrough achieved a record turnover of £38,000

- The next FT Town Steering Group meeting on 26 January will be held in the Middleton Grange shopping centre courtesy of Mark Rycraft

Correspondence

DW had received a letter from Iain Wright MP on the topic of Violence against Women.

AOB

- **Christian Aid Training.** CE tabled an email inviting interested people to the “Big Shift: Banks” – a climate change campaign
- On Thursday 2nd February at 5.30 pm, Curtis Auditorium, Herschel Building, Newcastle University the 4th Newcastle Jubilee Development Lecture will be **“Ten Years after the Stern Review on the Economics of Climate Change: Looking Back, Looking Forward”**.

The lecture will be given by Lord Stern, a towering figure internationally in the analysis of climate change and how we should respond to it. **Come early if you want a seat in the auditorium**

After the lecture, at 7.30pm in the same venue there will **“Christian responses to Climate Change – a Discussion”**. Led by a panel including Professor Robert White FRS, Director of the Faraday Centre at St Edmunds College, University of Cambridge; Maria Elana Arana, Campaign Co-ordinator for CAFOD and Dr David Golding CBE.

A sandwich, piece of fruit, tea, coffee etc. will be provided for those wishing to attend both sessions.

- CE passed on information from John Bailey (St Josephs) regarding a CAFOD event at St Charles Parish Centre, Gosforth on 30 January at 3pm. Presentation by Issam Aruri Director of the Jerusalem Legal Aid Centre (a pioneering Palestinian human rights organisation) and Shu’la Abdelhadi, EU Project Co-ordinator.

Next Meeting 13 February 19.30 hours at St Georges (**Presentation by Andy Lie (Palestine Observer)**)