

HARTLEPOOL FOR GLOBAL PEACE AND JUSTICE

Minutes of meeting on 10/4/17

Present: Chris Eddowes (Chair), Richard Eddowes, Martin Green, Irene Green, Lynn Fletcher, Keith Gorton, Bill White, Jennifer Kerridge

Apologies: Apologies subsequently received from D Wanduragala & M Unwin

Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on 13 March 2017 were accepted as a true record.

Matters Arising

- **Fairtrade Products** Aldi are selling Fairtrade Easter eggs & also Easter eggs with the UTZ logo. KG explained that the UTZ organisation (based in the Netherlands) has similar objectives to Fairtrade.
- **Global Justice Now (GJN)** KG referred to the March CfL Update that was attached to the minutes of the 13 March meeting & in particular to the reference to “New Alliance”. This is apparently “*The New Alliance for Food Security and Nutrition: a shared commitment to achieve sustained inclusive, agriculture-led growth in Africa.*” It appears that GJN has campaigned against this initiative for some time because of concerns about exploitation by private investors. The GJN update does, helpfully, give a list of campaigning issues that may be of help to HGPJ when deciding what issues to focus on..
- **NECAP** LF reported on several forthcoming activities:
 - 20 May – a JDC Economics Workshop at Newcastle
 - 31 May to 9th June Public Enquiry into Druridge Bay
 - 1 – 9 July Climate Coalition Speak Up Week of Action (consult Climate Coalition website for details)
 - 9 September (the day before the Great North Run) – Paul Brannen MEP will be asked to speak on the effects of Brexit & its impact on global poverty & climate change.
 - 2018 – NECAP are hoping the Oxfam International Executive Director, Winnie Byanyima, will be the speaker at the annual Jubilee Development Lecture.

Fair Trade

MG reported that the next major event organised by the Hartlepool FTTSG will be (hopefully at the Christ Church Art Gallery) on 23 June & will be a celebration of Hartlepool schools’ FT activities & achievements.

Economic Justice Project

CE tabled a brochure by the Economic Justice Project entitled “The Austerity Machine – How it Got Started and How It Might be Stopped”. More information can be found at www.economicjusticeproject.org.uk

Traidcraft

CE informed the members about the Traidcraft campaign “Brexit: Make it work for everyone”. Support for this campaign can be given at www.traidcraft.co.uk/mpbriefing
Action: KG will send the campaign card to Iain Wright MP on behalf of HGPJ

Post Brexit Trade Deals

CE reported that she had received a reply from Iain Wright MP which included a letter from Liam Fox. Members did not find the reassurances from Liam Fox convincing.

Christian Aid Campaign – The Big Shift

CE explained that the campaign is to discourage banks from financing dirty fuel production. It was agreed that HGPJ should write to the major banks. A copy of the letters should be sent to Iain Wright MP.

Action: CE to write to major banks

Christian Aid Week Theme is to “Help us Change the Story” regarding asylum seekers. Churches in Hartlepool will be actively supporting this issue

Finance IG asked if HGPJ should pay St Georges for the use of the meeting room. It was agreed that a donation of £50 should be made

Action: IG to pay £50 to St Georges.

New Members LF suggested that HGPJ should attempt to recruit some new (& younger) members. It was agreed that possible recruitment actions should be investigated. For example, placing a notice in the College of FE.

Action KG to email members on the list to explain the need for new members & to ask them if they could find anyone.

Correspondence All correspondence covered elsewhere in these minutes

AOB None

Next Meeting 8 May 19.30 hours at St Georges (NB CE, RE, LF will be absent.)