

HARTLEPOOL FOR GLOBAL PEACE AND JUSTICE

Minutes of meeting held on 13th November 2017

Present: Chris Eddowes (Chair), Richard Eddowes, Diana Wanduragala, Michael Unwin, Martin Green, Irene Green, Keith Gorton

Apologies: Bill White, Lynn Fletcher

Minutes of the meeting on the 9th October were accepted as an accurate record.

Matters arising. All matters arising were covered in agenda items

Christmas Events

- **Middlesbrough Pop up Shop.** Unfortunately, Jenny Medhurst has so far not been able to find a suitable shop. Unless a shop could be found by Wednesday 15th November it would be impracticable to have a shop this year. (*Secretary's note: a suitable shop was not found by 15th November*)
- **Pop up shop in Hartlepool.** Attempts had been made to get a space near to the Catcote Metro Shop but Middleton Grange have declined to give permission. MG said that if there were to be no shop in Middlesbrough then it would be difficult to obtain items to sell. St Georges is available, on all Saturday mornings, to host a shop.

Fairtrade

- **Sainsbury's.** Letters from HGPJ & HFTTSG objecting to Sainsbury's adoption of its own "Fairly Traded" brand rather than Fairtrade products were delivered to store managers at the 3 Sainsbury's shops in Hartlepool. In addition, pupils & teachers from Catcote Academy, armed with "Don't Ditch Fairtrade" paper cups, gathered outside the Sainsbury's shop in Merlin Way. It is hoped that the Hartlepool Mail will publish photographs.
- **Fairtrade Fortnight.** Will be from 26 February to 11 March. The theme is "Come on in and share in Fairtrade". Greggs, Co-op & Waitrose are sponsors. There is a power point presentation about Fairtrade Fortnight on the Fairtrade Foundation website.

Correspondence

- CE had received a letter from Mike Hill MP that confirmed he had signed Early Day Motion 158 on the subject of the need to make loans transparent.
- So far no feedback had been received from Mike Hill regarding the letter, given to him on 21st September, on the problem of the UK's supply of arms to Saudi Arabia.

AOB

- KG reported that he had signed a petition to Penny Mordaunt (the new Secretary of State for International Development) asking her to support the Government's aid contribution of 0.7% GDP.

Next Meeting Monday 4 December 7,30 pm St Georges. *Note that the first Monday in December has been chosen in view of members' availability. There may be mince pies & other tempting items at this meeting!*