

HARTLEPOOL FOR GLOBAL PEACE AND JUSTICE

Minutes of meeting held on 4th December 2017

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

Apologies: Lynn Fletcher

Minutes of the meeting on the 13th November were accepted as an accurate record.

Matters arising.

- **Middlesbrough Pop up Shop.** Jenny Medhurst had said she would be interested in another shop but was not keen on the Middleton Grange shopping centre. She was open to any ideas but it was getting very late in the day.
- **Sainsbury's Letters.** No replies had been received. It was not known if Catcote Academy had received a reply.

Fairtrade & Fairtrade Fortnight

- **Fairtrade Gold.** Can be bought at jewellers nationwide but the only retailer in Hartlepool is Argos (mainly gold rings).
- **Traidcraft Chocolate.** CE pointed out that Traidcraft have introduced a range of specialist chocolate bars.
- **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. The FTTSG is planning to get each of the FT schools to invite a "partner" school to tea. MG asked if the Hartlepool churches could hold a similar event. CE said it wasn't clear which of the Hartlepool churches could be classed as FT churches. MG said that it is planned to have a tombola stall in the Middleton Grange shopping centre and a quiz, the answers to questions would be visible in FT retailers such as the Catcote Metro shop & Greggs.

Correspondence

- MG had received a letter from Mike Hill MP on the topic of Liam Fox's Trade Bill.
- CE had received a letter from Mike Hill MP on the topic of Trade Democracy launch.
- No response 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.

Action: KG to write again to Mike Hill & to ask if he had passed the letter to the appropriate Government Department.

AOB

- CE asked members to support the Traidcraft Brexit campaign (<https://www.traidcraft.org.uk/brexit>) by writing to our MP. The aim is to get trade deals that work for all poorer countries.
- CE alerted members to the Jubilee Debt Campaign to support the petition to all creditors of all hurricane hit islands. For a short time, donations will be doubled by the Government.
- Muslim Peace Seminar took place on 26th November & was attended by several members of HGPJ. Overall review was positive. It was suggested that HGPJ write to the Ahmadiyya Mosque to inform them that they are welcome to attend HGPJ meetings.

Action: KG to write to Ahmadiyya Mosque

Next Meeting Monday 8 January 7,30 pm St Georges.