

HARTLEPOOL FOR GLOBAL PEACE AND JUSTICE

Minutes of meeting held on 8th January 2018

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

Apologies : Diana Wanduragala, Michael Unwin

Minutes of the meeting on the 4th December were accepted as an accurate record.

Matters arising.

- **Sainsbury's Letters.** No replies had been received. It was not known if Catcote Academy had received a reply.
- **Traidcraft Brexit campaign.** At the last meeting members had been asked to support the campaign to get trade deals that work for poor countries. KG reported that he had emailed our MP via the tradecraft website. CE said that she had received a letter on this topic from Mike Hill & in which he expressed his support. KG had also received emails from Global Justice & Fairtrade with requests to write to our MP. Members agreed, that in view of our previous correspondence, no further action should be taken at the present time.
- **Jubilee Debt Campaign petition.** CE will send off the JDC petition postcard (petition for debt relief for hurricane hit islands)
- **UK's supply of arms to Saudi Arabia.** Action incomplete. **Action: KG to write again to Mike Hill & to ask if he had passed the letter to the appropriate Government Department.**
- **Letter to Ahmadiyya Mosque.** Action incomplete **Action: KG to invite members of the Ahmadiyya Mosque to HGPJ meetings.**

Fairtrade & Fairtrade Fortnight

- **Fairtrade.** MG reported that he had emailed Cllr Leslie Hamilton regarding HBC representation & that she had responded by saying that Cllr Stephen Thomas was now the designated representative on the Hartlepool FTTSG.
- **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. CE said that St Georges were planning to invite other churches to a FT tea & coffee morning.
Action: CE to send for a FT action pack.
MG said there would be a tombola, information & FT quiz stall in the Middleton Grange shopping **& asked members to volunteer to help man the stall.** (Post meeting note: there will not be a tombola as shopping centre policy now prohibits this).

Finance

- IG reported a balance of £223.31

Correspondence

- CE had received a letter from David Goulding thanking HGPJ for its continuing support & that although there are many concerns at the present time it is heartening to see that from 1990 to 2016 there had been a reduction in worldwide child mortality rate of 50%.
- CE had received a letter from the Jubilee Debt Campaign thanking HGPJ for its continuing membership

AOB

- It was noted that the Co-op intends to increase the number of its convenience stores but this does not appear to include a store for Hartlepool.

Next Meeting Monday 12 February at 7,30 pm St Georges.