

HARTLEPOOL FOR GLOBAL PEACE AND JUSTICE

Minutes of meeting held on 9th April 2018

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

Apologies: Lynn Fletcher, Irene Green,

Minutes Minutes of the meeting on the 12th March were accepted as an accurate record except that they should have referred to the Mosque reception dinner on the 18th April, not the 18th May.

Matters arising.

- Mosque reception dinner – those intending to go should email the Mosque.
- **Sainsbury's Letters.** KG reported that he had written to the Sainsbury's CEO Mike Coupe & had received a lengthy reply. This was read out to the meeting. Members raised the following points:
 - A copy of the letter should be sent to the FT Foundation & to Traidcraft (MG will find a contact). KG agreed to do this. **ACTION KG**
 - What is the reason for Sainsbury's pilot scheme?
 - If the Sainsbury's scheme meets all of the 10 Fair Trade principles the why doesn't Sainsbury's keep the FT logo on their products?
 - Do Sainsbury's have to pay the FT Foundation to have the FT logo on their products?
- **NE-CAP Energy Forum** is on 12 April & **NE-CAP AGM** is on 16 April. The AGM will include a presentation on Exporting Health Care Debt

Fairtrade Fortnight

MG reported that FT Fortnight trophy had been presented to Abby Davies (Throston Primary). It will be transferred to Lisa Richardson (Catcote Academy) in the next 6 months.

Plastic Packaging.

A campaign against excess plastic packaging had been brought to the group's attention by Katie Trueman. Members felt that the campaign addresses a real & significant problem but had reservations about actively engaging with it because it is doubtful that it fell within the remit of HGPJ. It was suggested that HGPJ invite the HBC Recycling Officer to a meeting.

ACTION KG

Jubilee Debt Campaign

CE stated that 20 years ago members of HGPJ attended The Jubilee Debt Campaign "human chain" event in Birmingham. Later this year the Jubilee Debt Coalition is holding an event in Birmingham on 29th September to celebrate 20 years of campaigning. Several HGPJ members indicated they would like to go. More details will be provided nearer the time.

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- **Celebrating the Vote**
MG brought to the attention of members an event promoted by HM Parliament called "Equaliteas". The aim is that people from all over the country celebrate 90 years since the Representation of the People Act 1928, which gave all men and women over 21 the equal right to vote. There is an event in Hartlepool at Wharton Terrace on 18th June. More information can be found at <https://equaliteas.org.uk/>.
- **Global Citizens Petition** KG reported that the petition urged the Commonwealth Conference to support change to alleviate poverty. It was agreed that the petition be signed on behalf of HGPJ.

AOB Sheila Deacon's ashes will be interred at Stranton Ceremony on Friday 13th April.

Next Meeting Monday 14 May at 7,30 pm, St Georges. (Noted that CE, RE & WW are not available to attend).