

HARTLEPOOL FOR GLOBAL PEACE AND JUSTICE

Minutes of meeting held on 13th August 2018

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

Apologies: Lynn Fletcher, Jennifer Kerridge, Katie Trueman, Irene Green

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

Matters arising.

- **GDPR** KG reported that the HGPJ contact list had been edited to include only those people who had confirmed that they wished to remain on the list.
- **Recycling Meeting** KG reported that he had supplied preferred dates to Helen Beaman on 10 July but had not received a reply. KG agreed to remind Helen Beaman and to agree a date & content of meeting.
- **Speak up Week 30 June – 8 July (Climate Change Coalition).** KG reported that due to holidays he had not been able to invite MH to sign the Joint Cross-Party Letter drafted by the Climate Change Coalition. KG agreed to arrange a mutually convenient date for a meeting with Mike Hill in the Cornerstone Café. (suitable dates for HGPJ members were 20, 21, 28, 29, 30 August). It was agreed that the following topics, amongst other issues, should be raised with Mike Hill:
 - Climate Change
 - Trade Agreements adversely affecting democracy in the UK & adversely affecting the economies of poor countries.
 - Brexit & the worrying drift towards nationalism & away from internationalism.*(following the HGPJ meeting KG had agreed with Mike Hill to meet at 1pm on 21st August).*
- **Jubilee Debt Campaign Birmingham Celebration.** CE reminded members of the event on Saturday 29th September & the need to register if you wish to attend. JDC are asking for a small voluntary donation by attenders to cover some of the costs.

NE-CAP

The 9th Eve of Run Gathering will take place on 8th September at Church of St Thomas the Martyr., Haymarket, Newcastle. Lecture, from 4.30 to 5.30, will be chaired by Dame Vera Baird & keynote Speaker will be Archbishop Sentamu. Also, Sarah-Jayne Clifton, Director of JDC. From 6.00 to 6.30 Revd Bryan Vernon will conduct "Service of Blessing".

Members intending to go should co-ordinate their travel arrangements.

Fairtrade

MG plans to attend the FT Regional Conference on 22nd September in Leeds University. The Hartlepool FTT Steering Group will meet in September (date to be agreed).

Environment At a previous meeting KT said that she could invite a speaker to an HGPJ meeting to talk about the impact of animal husbandry on the environment. As KT was not present it was agreed to arrange this matter at a future meeting.

Correspondence

Mike Hill MP had replied to HGPJ's letter on the Trade Bill. MH confirmed he would be voting in favour of NC3 to ensure that Parliament is always given the final say on any deals.

AOB

- CE alerted members to the existence of Hartlepool Power – an organisation that will seek to agree cheaper electricity & gas prices for people who enrol onto their scheme.
- CE alerted members to the leaflet produced by the “For Britain” organisation that was being posted through letterboxes in Hartlepool. The organisation expresses very right wing & nationalistic views.
- KG alerted members to the existence of the campaign “People’s Vote” which is seeking to ensure that people can vote on the final Brexit deal. The campaign is organising a rally in Newcastle on Saturday 25th August – see www.peoples-vote.uk

Next Meeting Monday 10 September at 7,30 pm, St Georges.
(the AGM will be held prior to the regular meeting).

Actions from this meeting

- KG to remind Helen Beaman of preferred dates for “Rubbish Meeting”
- KG to arrange meeting with Mike Hill MP.