

# MONTROSE FAIRTRADE FORUM

Minutes of meeting held on **Wednesday September 4<sup>th</sup> 2019 at 9.30am at Sweet Swan FT Café, Ferryden Church Hall**

**Present:** Sylvia Breen, Jacqueline Mitchell, Nick Bradford, Sharon Hamilton, Pam Robinson

1. **Apologies:** received from Lynne Ogg, Edith Fraser
2. **Minutes of meeting on June 19<sup>th</sup> were signed**
3. **Matters Arising:** will be dealt with as they come up in the agenda
4. **Updates:**
  - Council :** SB said she was in the process of organising a meeting of the zone to discuss events around Fair Trade Fortnight, probably early in December. She had also contacted SFTF about someone coming to a meeting to give us more information about Fairtrade. This would probably happen in the early evening, it has been suggested during the first week in November. Confirmation of the date to follow.
  - Churches:** no updates.
  - Businesses and Retailers:** JM reported that she had sent out her letters to local businesses and was waiting for replies. She had also set up a Facebook page for Fair Trade. She would talk to Sharon about FB contact with Primary schools, as well as planning to use FB with businesses.
  - Education:** There were no specific updates in education - PR had not yet managed to see the rector of the Academy. SB said that Alita was back at work, which was very positive in terms of contact with Primary Schools
  - Scotmid:** no updates
  - Community Groups:** In order to get in touch with Community Groups it was suggested that an email about Fairtrade should be sent to Graeme Hodge, to be forwarded to groups. PR agreed to do this
  - Publicity:** The FTF now has its FB Page in use for forthcoming events and news. The minutes of meetings will also be put up.  
JM talked about a Christmas Tree festival and competition that was being planned by the Episcopal Church – were we interested in entering a tree? PR would get the details. This would be publicity for Fair Trade. (afterthought – perhaps JM might like the resulting tree in her shop?)
5. **Treasurer's Report:** NB reported free funds in the account of £216.62 after a replacement cheque to Scottish Fair Trade Forum had cleared.
6. **Date of next meeting:** The next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 9.30 am at Ferryden Church Hall