

Arbroath Fairtrade Action Group

Minutes of Meeting -- 13 March 2018, St Andrews Church, Arbroath

Present: Karen Bowie, Rebecca Brown, Caroline Farquhar, Paula Fenwick, Evelyn Fordyce, Janice Swankie

Apologies: Jean Glass, Margaret Todd

1) Rescheduled Fairtrade wine tasting event

Due to the recent inclement weather the proposed wine tasting event which was scheduled to be held on the 2nd March 2018 at the Old and Abbey Church was postponed. Proposed new date is either 2e May 2018 or 8th June 2018. Hoping that the Old and Abbey church is still available for either of these dates — Evelyn will check.

New tickets and posters to be printed, Karen will organise the tickets. Posters - check with Kelly Ann Dempsey.

2) Presentation for Fairtrade Renewal Certificate — Arbroath Library

Paula will check with June Glass, Facility Officer, ANGUSalve's Arbroath Library on suitability of the 22nd or 23th March at 3pm for the renewal certificate to be presented and kept at the library. Send invites to MSP/MP and Cllr Speed. Send invites to previous members — Alice, Mary and Pat. Evelyn will contact Sheena Welsh.

Update since meeting:

Presentation was held on the 22nd March at 3pm at Arbroath Library. Unfortunately Cllr Speed, Graeme Dey, MSP and Kirstene Hair, MP all were busy with parliamentary and Council Chamber meetings. However they all replied with congratulatory thanks to the group on maintaining the town's Fairtrade status.

3) April 21st — Arbroath Day

Request received from Arbroath Rotary inviting the group to have a stall at the Arbroath Day event held on the 21st April, 11.00 -17.00.

Evelyn, Karen Caroline, Margaret and Rebecca may be available to help at the event. Since the meeting Karen is unable to attend and Evelyn may not manage either.

Paula to contact the organiser with contact name and email address (was to be Evelyn), however, the group may need to decide whether there are enough

members to support. Both Paula and Janice are unable to help out due to concert gig/holidays.

Action: - Paula to contact remaining members and reach a decision.

4) AOCB

- Banking- Janice has completed changeover processes for signatories.
- Stock Update -- Janice replenished by purchasing Fairtrade goods
- St Marys are having a Spring Fayre on 28/4/18 at 10.00-12.00, looking for helpers for the Fairtrade stall.
- Arbroath Academy — Karen thanked the group for the donations of sweets for their recent tuck shop and in particular thanks to Janice

- St Andrews Church — Fairtrade Stall has sold 18 Easter eggs so far.

- Donation to Traidcraft — the UK government is doubling donations made by 11th April therefore the group will make a £300 donation, Janice will organise. Since the meeting Janice has now made the donation.

No confirmed date for the next meeting however since the wine tasting event is rescheduled to May/June then opportunity then for the group to set the next date for our meeting.