

# MONTROSE FAIRTRADE FORUM

Minutes of meeting held on Thursday February 8th 2018 at 3.00pm at Madison's, Montrose High Street

Present: Ian Sykes, Edith Fraser, Pam Robinson

1. Apologies: received from Kelly Ann Dempsey, Lynne Ogg
2. The sole business of this meeting was to plan as far as possible for Fairtrade Fortnight:

Speaker for AGM during FTF: At the time of the meeting there was still no news from SFTF re producer for a meeting during FTF. (post-meeting: there was no producer for an available date ) It was suggested that PR should contact Sally Romily and Fiona Thomson as possible replacement speakers, as we had talked about the possibility of a primary school meeting as well as the usual evening meeting. (Post-meeting: no result was obtained from either of these possibilities)

3. Activities so far during FTF for us were :

Feb 26th – Coffee tasting at Madisons – details to be finalised with Dennis

Mar 2nd – Wine tasting in Arbroath, tickets on sale at £5

Mar 3rd – Farmers' Market in Montrose

The meeting closed without any clear idea of what would/would not be possible, so agreed to close contact by email and telephone during the coming weeks.

In the event, after re-reading the FT Forum Constitution, it was decided that we did not need to hold the AGM as a Public meeting during FTF, and would do better to hold our next meeting as the AGM. We had been offered a speaker from JTS at the last minute, with us two days' notice, whom we decided we couldn't use, but as it became clear that our next meeting couldn't be before April, we offered that date to the lady who had been willing to come. The AGM and Public Meeting will now be on April 19th at 7pm in the Congregational Hall, Baltic Street. There will be on display for the first time our timeline poster showing Ten Years of Fairtrade in Montrose.

Date of next meeting: **AGM and Public Meeting, 7pm at the Congregational Church Hall, Baltic Street, Montrose**