

MONTROSE FAIRTRADE FORUM

Minutes of meeting held on Thursday July 26th 2018 at 3.00pm at Madison's, Montrose High Street

Present: Ian Sykes, Kelly Ann Dempsey, Lynne Ogg, Pam Robinson

1. Apologies: received from Edith Fraser (Post-meeting from Sharon Hamilton)
2. Minutes of meeting on May 31st were signed
3. Matters Arising: The presentation to Peter Stevens was made at Peter's house by Ian Sykes, and he was appreciative of the framed timeline picture. He confirmed his retirement as Archivist and from Forum Activity
4. Updates:

Council: KAD expressed concern that she had not heard from Arbroath about the Wine tasting that had been cancelled in February. She would organise a Zone meeting.

Churches: no updates. It was observed that generally churches seemed to be happy doing their own thing without sharing information. This will hopefully change

Businesses: PR apologised that so far the new supporters' forms had not been distributed to retailers in and around the High Street. This would be done as soon as possible, to see where we were in terms of local support, and window stickers given to certain businesses such as Greggs and Subway, where FT products are used

Education: The same situation still applies, as Primary schools seem to be going well but nothing as yet with the Academy. IS and PR will see about getting an appointment with the Rector in September.

Scotmid: LO talked again about the funding for events that is available from Scotmid, and felt that it would be helpful if groups, such as schools, churches, community groups, were encouraged to notify the Forum of any need for funding that they might have, then via the Forum to Scotmid. This would raise the profile of the Forum as the local Fairtrade connection.

Perhaps some ideas for projects could be shared with Primaries in a cluster meeting, for example, thinking about the Kilombero Rice project. Alternatively this could be suggested to the churches for joint action

Community Groups: No updates

Website: The members decided that as the website was no longer in use it should be closed down, and all news should be put on Twitter

Publicity: No updates – just to continue using what we have as much as possible

5. Treasurer's Report

IS reported that there was still £210.42 in the RBS, due to certain problems with the closure, as well as £103.39 in the Clydesdale, making a total of £313.81

6. AOCB

The members discussed Scotmid's role as Flagship Employer, pointing out that since Arbroath and Carnoustie didn't have Scotmid Branches, it could not technically be the Zone employer. LO said she would need to follow up the group in Arbroath who had Scotmid tokens for the Wine tasting that had been cancelled.

7. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on Thursday, September 27th, at 3pm in Madison's, Montrose High Street