

MONTROSE FAIRTRADE FORUM

Minutes of meeting held on Thursday November 29th 2018 at 3.00pm at Madison's, Montrose High Street

Present: Edith Fraser, Pam Robinson

1. Apologies: received from Ian Sykes, Kelly Ann Dempsey, Lynne Ogg, Sharon Hamilton
2. Minutes of meeting on September 27th were signed
3. Matters Arising: will be dealt with as they come up in the agenda
4. Updates:

Council : There had been a Zone meeting at the end of October and minutes would follow

Churches: no updates.

Businesses and Retailers: PR said that supporter window stickers had been given to Greggs and Artisan Crafts, also to Nature's Garden, which had filled in a supporter's form and received a sticker on the same occasion. The review of the High Street and Murray street stores is still to take place. EF suggested other places which could be explored as FT Supporters, for example the Golf Clubs, Roo's Leap, Stroma, Grey Harlings? These are not High Street stores but quite high profile restaurants/cafes, which might accept to try out FT coffee, chocolate and tea, for example.

Education: SH had said that the monthly café was still ongoing at Ferryden PS and the next one would be on December 5th. Rosemount is still very involved with FT projects, and has FT Status. No news about the Academy.

Scotmid: LO had offered any support that might be needed to the Forum for FT Fortnight activities, and that the Forum should let her know what was happening

Community Groups: No update

Publicity: No updates. Twitter access has hopefully been restored

5. Treasurer's Report: No updated bank details were to hand
6. AOCB:

1) Fair Trade Fortnight. This had been briefly discussed at the Zone meeting without coming to any conclusion. It was suggested that Montrose might host an exhibition about Fairtrade, perhaps in the library upstairs room? No final conclusions were

reached at the meeting. The possibility of a chocolate/coffee pairing evening was raised, but no clear plan was offered

2) Ian's impending retirement. This was viewed with some dismay by EF and PR as there seems to be no-one who could fill the role of chairman and or treasurer. The Forum needs more members who are motivated to come to meetings to support the continuation of Fairtrade in Montrose, and who might take some responsibility for this.

3) Traidcraft – the continuing saga. It was still not clear what was happening to Traidcraft, so impossible to plan for the coming months of Fairtrade selling in the town, Some stock is held, but food does not last for ever, so continuous renewing of stocks is necessary. Hopefully it would become clearer by the end of the year.

7. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on Thursday, January 17th, or 24th (TBC) at 3pm in Madison's, Montrose High Street