

MONTROSE FAIRTRADE FORUM

Minutes of meeting held on Thursday September 27th 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. Minutes of meeting on July 26th were signed
3. Matters Arising: will be dealt with as they come up in the agenda
4. Updates:

Council : KAD had said she was still trying to get the date fixed for the Zone meeting

Churches: no updates.

Businesses and Retailers: PR reported that supporter forms had been returned by Gregs and Artisan Crafts, and that these shops would receive window stickers as soon as possible.

Education: no updates

Scotmid: LO had repeated her request that schools and other groups should be told about the funding for events that is available from Scotmid, and felt that it would be helpful if such 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.

Community Groups: No updates

Publicity: PR reported that she had received a letter from Kirstene Hair, Montrose MP, as a follow-up to a meeting between her and Ian and Pam in August. She had been very supportive and could certainly raise the profile of events that might happen in the future around Fair Trade.

5. Treasurer's Report: IS reported that the bank account at the Clydesdale currently held £165.77
6. AOCB: EF raised the question of Traidcraft's ceasing to function, and asked who there was who might possibly replace them. There is JTS (Just Trading Scotland), and the One World Shop, but these places have their own projects and are not really equipped for the volume of products. It also

raised the question of our own ability to buy stock for reselling in the town. It was felt in the end that the Fairtrade foundation or perhaps the Scottish Fair Trade Forum might be able to provide some answers.

7. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on Thursday, November 29th, at 3pm in Madison's, Montrose High Street