

MONTROSE FAIR TRADE FORUM

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday February 5th 2020 at 9.30am at Madison's, Montrose High Street

Present: Jacqueline Mitchell, Nick Bradford, Edith Fraser and Pam Robinson

1. Apologies: (retrospectively from Lynne Ogg due to family crisis)
2. Minutes of meeting on January 8th were signed
3. Updates:

Council : No updates

Churches: Judith Chaffer's name and contact details were sent to Edith as the episcopal church representative

Businesses and Retailers: JM was disappointed in the results of the survey so far, wondering how to generate more interest in Fair Trade. Could there be more publicity from the Courier, or possibly in Montrose Gossip?

Education: There were no specific updates in education. PR's appointment to see Malcolm Smart of the Academy was still pending.

Scotmid: LO had offered vouchers to us for the purchase of Raffle prizes and refreshments

Community Groups: no updates

Publicity: no updates

4. **Treasurer's Report**: NB reported that there would be £434.75 in the bank account when all cheques had been presented.
5. Fair Trade fortnight – February 24th to March 8th – and the FTF AGM.

PR reported to the meeting that she had accepted an offer from SFTF of two visitors from a Sugar Cane Growers Association in Malawi, who could come to Montrose on March 2nd, with the possibility of doing a school session in the afternoon and a community based event in the evening. They had requested an early start to the evening meeting, needing to get back to Edinburgh, and it was agreed that we should go ahead with an AGM and public meeting on the evening of March 2nd , and PR would organise a schools event for the afternoon. (Post-meeting: as the visitors were able to arrive early, they managed to fit in two school visits, the first session with Ferryden Primary and the Fairtrade Group from Rosemount Primary, and the second session with the Academy. The Forum AGM was to be at 6.30pm at MoHub, formerly known as the YM). The scheduled Farmers' Market on Saturday 7th was the other official event of FT Fortnight.

6. **Any Other Business** : There would be a FTAG stall after the meeting and possibly one from Sunrise in Brechin. There would be some FT Baking to accompany refreshments after the meeting
7. **Date of next meeting**: The next meeting will be on Wednesday April 22nd at 9.30am at Madison's in Montrose High Street