

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
PENDLE FAIRTRADE GROUP
HELD AT CHRIST CHURCH, NELSON
ON 26TH JANUARY 2015**

PRESENT –

Councillor Sheila Wicks – (Vice-Chair)

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| Audrey Drinkwater | Pendle Borough Council |
| Sue Nike | Barrowford Parish Council |
| Tim Ormrod | Cooperative Group – Lancashire |
| Tony Edwards | Nelson Town Council |
| Sonia Dickson | Resident |

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Dorothy Ormrod and Kathleen Wilkinson

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting held on 16th June were approved as a correct record subject to the following amendment:

Matters Arising: Item 6: Tim had attended the Lancashire Group's AGM

3. MATTERS ARISING

Lancashire Day:

Tony wished to place on record his thanks to those members who had run the Fairtrade stall.

It was also agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to the Lancashire Area Committee for their kind donation of Co-op vouchers to the value of £30.

Action: Sheila

Lancashire Day 2014 was in competition with other local events held in Colne and at Nelson & Colne College. Need to bear this in mind for Lancashire Day 2015.

4. FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 23 FEBRUARY – 8 MARCH 2015

Audrey reported that some resources had been applied for from the Fairtrade Foundation – posters, postcards, etc.

An exhibition will be on display in the glass house outside Colne Market Hall during the second week of Fairtrade fortnight

Action: Audrey

Tim reported that the Co-op Group is considering applications for vouchers for groups. Applications from Preston & South Ribble and the Co-op Bank in Burnley have so far been received

Unfortunately we hadn't been informed of this as only applicants from previous years had received information and the deadline had now passed. However, Tim advised that we could still be considered and the Group agreed to submit an application for vouchers to the value of £20.

Action Sheila

The vouchers will be used to purchase items for a Fairtrade stall in Nelson Market Hall on Friday, 27th February between 10am and 12.00 noon. Tony offered to speak with Nelson Town Council to see if a stall in the market would be possible.

Action: Tony

If permission is granted Sheila agreed to donate a further £10 from her ward initiative funding .

Sheila and Susan offered to run the stall in the market. Audrey to provide display material.

Action: Sheila, Susan, Audrey

Further promotion of Fairtrade Fortnight will be arranged through the local press and social media.

Action: Audrey

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

County Fairtrade Status

Tim reported that at the meeting of the Fairtrade Lancashire Steering Group Anne Garsed informed the meeting that Lancashire had got the 'green light' for Fairtrade County status. Formal confirmation of this will be at a launch at Lancashire County Council on 27th February.

Pendle Pupil Parliament

Audrey reported that the Pendle Fairtrade Group had received a request from the Pendle Pupil Parliament to address their meeting on Fairtrade on Friday, 6th February in Nelson Town Hall (9.30am). Sheila kindly offered to attend and address the meeting. Susan offered to lend support if required

Pendle Re-accreditation

As reported at previous meetings we need to ensure that Pendle's reaccreditation is promoted on the Lancashire Fairtrade website.

Action: Tim

6. DATE & VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday 13th April** commencing at 6pm, at Christ Church, Carr Road, Nelson .

The **Annual General Meeting** is arranged for **Monday, 8th June**, commencing at 6pm at Christ Church, Carr Road, Nelson