

**MINUTES OF MEETING
PENDLE FAIRTRADE GROUP
HELD AT CHRIST CHURCH, NELSON
13th APRIL 2015**

PRESENT-

Councillor Sheila Wicks - (Vice Chair)

Audrey Drinkwater - Pendle Borough Council
Tim Ormrod – Cooperative Group – Lancashire
Dorothy Ormrod – Resident
Alana Curry – Pendle Borough Council (Minutes)

1. APOLOGIES - None

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting held on 26th January were approved as a correct record.

3. MATTERS ARISING

Fairtrade Fortnight: 23rd February – 8th March

All resources were received from the Fairtrade Foundation. £20 in vouchers had also been donated from the Co-op Group and these, together with £10 which Sheila donated from her ward initiative funding, was used to buy Fairtrade items for a stall outside Nelson Market Hall on 27th February. Sheila reported that there had been a lot of interest in the stall and all the Fairtrade items had been given away.

A Fairtrade display was put up in the glass house outside Colne Market Hall during the second week.

A range of posters had also been put on display in Nelson Town Hall, Number One Market Street and Elliott House.

Pendle Pupil Parliament

At the last meeting it was reported that the Pendle Pupil Parliament had asked if a representative from the Pendle Fairtrade Group could attend their meeting on 6th February to highlight Fairtrade in Pendle.

Sheila attended the meeting, along with Susan and Audrey. The children were very interested in Fairtrade football and were presented with some Fairtrade Footballs by Colne football Club, organised by Councillor Jennifer Purcell. It is hoped that the children will organise a Fairtrade Football Tournament in the near future.

Photos from the meeting have been posted on the Pendle Fairtrade Group Facebook page.

Fairtrade Status

Tim reported that Lancashire got the green light on the 27th February to make Lancashire a Fairtrade County. There had been some good publicity surrounding this with articles in the Lancashire Evening Post and Telegraph.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Pendle Reaccreditation

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

Action: Tim

Audrey reported that in readiness for our next reaccreditation, work is underway contacting and researching all Pendle businesses, retailers, schools, faith organisations, etc. to update the information we currently hold. Visits will also be made to raise awareness amongst retailers of textiles, jewellery, wine and florists. All this information will be held centrally on a spreadsheet and used to republish the Pendle Fairtrade Directory.

Action: Audrey

Sheila offered to help by visiting her local shops, after the elections on 7th May.

Attendance at Meetings

Attendance at meetings has been very poor for some time now and members of this group are failing to submit their apologies.

The group has previously discussed joint meetings and events with Burnley & Padiham Fairtrade Group, as both groups suffer from low attendance. Peter

Thorne from Burnley had attended a Pendle meeting and Sheila had attended a Burnley & Padiham event.

Sheila agreed to contact Peter Thorne to try and pursue more future joint working.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is the Annual General Meeting which will be held on 8th June at 6pm at Christ Church, Carr Road, Nelson.