

BARRY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A FAIRTRADE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 2 JUNE 2021 AT 6PM

PRESENT: Councillor Johnson (chairperson) together with Councillors Aviet, S Hodges and Richardson

ALSO PRESENT: Robyn Walsh – Community Engagement Officer
Councillor N Hodges – Observer
Councillor D Clarke – Observer

111. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON FOR THE 2021/22 MUNICIPAL YEAR

Members were reminded that at the Annual Meeting of Council held on Monday, 17 May 2021, members agreed that all Chairpersons for Committees, Non-Standing Committees and working Parties would remain the same as 2020/21.

NOTED that Councillor Johnson was elected Chairperson of the Fairtrade Advisory Committee for the 2021/22 municipal year at the Annual Meeting held on Monday, 17 May 2021.

112. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON FOR THE 2021/22 MUNICIPAL YEAR

The Chair noted that this position is usually held by a non-Councillor member, recommending that this item be deferred to the next meeting of the Fairtrade Advisory Committee to be held on Monday, 11 October 2021.

RESOLVED that the position of Vice-Chairperson is deferred for nominations at the next meeting of the Fairtrade Advisory Committee to be held on Monday, 11 October 2021.

113. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Hawkins.

114. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were received.

115. WELLBEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS (WALES) ACT 2015

RESOLVED: That the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 be received and noted.

116. TERMS OF REFERENCE

RESOLVED that the Terms of Reference for the Fairtrade Advisory Committee be received and noted.

117. TO APPROVE THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FAIRTRADE ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 11 JANUARY 2021

RESOLVED that the draft minutes of the meeting of the Fairtrade Advisory Committee held on 11 January be approved and signed as a correct record.

118. FAIRTRADE STATUS RENEWAL UPDATE

Members were provided with an update regarding the renewal deadline for Fairtrade status for the town of Barry.

Members were informed that on the 20 May 2021, the Council received email correspondence from the Fairtrade Communications Team. The email advised that they understood that since the beginning of the pandemic local campaigning had been affected in different ways across the country.

In recognition of this, they provided all groups due to renew this year with a further one-year extension. This had been applied automatically and members were to note that the new renewal date was 20 September 2022.

RESOLVED that members note the date to renew Fairtrade Town Status is now 20 September 2022.

119. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM FAIRTRADE WALES

Members were provided with an update from Aileen Burmeister of Fair Trade Wales, as follows:-

- The Fairtrade Foundation are currently working on their plans for Climate Campaigning this year running up the COP Climate Conference in Glasgow in the Autumn, The first of these actions is a coalition action making a “wave of hope” for the G7 next month. More opportunities for campaigning will be coming up over the summer and autumn.
- Fair Trade Wales will continue to hold quarterly meetings for groups. Dates for summer and autumn still to be decided. In the autumn we will be joined by the Communities Campaign Manager from the Foundation to discuss their new ideas for changes to Fairtrade status. They would like feedback on them.
- Fair Trade Wales has got renewed funding for April 2021 – March 2024, so are still available to provide support and are still homeworking.
- Fair Trade Wales is releasing a new website.

The Chair noted that he would forward the correspondence he had received from Fair Trade Wales to all members.

RESOLVED:

1. **That the Chair of the Fairtrade Advisory Committee forward correspondence received from Fair Trade Wales to all members.**

2. That the report from Aileen of Fair Trade Wales be received and noted.

120. WORK PROGRAMME 2021/22

Members were provided with a discussion paper to determine the group's 2021/22 work programme and an update on the group's activities between April 2018 to present day.

18.16 pm – Councillor Richardson joined the meeting.

Members discussed and the following resolved points were agreed:-

RESOLVED:

1. That the Fairtrade Advisory Committee's previously agreed Action Plan be discussed at the next meeting to be held on Monday, 11 October 2021.
2. That a Fair Trade Quiz be arranged for Fairtrade Fortnight 2022 at the new Community Building at Cemetery Approach.
3. That Jane Hutt AM as the portfolio holder of Fair Trade in Wales in Welsh Government be invited to a future meeting of the Fairtrade Advisory Committee.
4. That a joint event with Jane Hutt AM be explored.
5. That the Chair writes to Alun Cairns MP, Jane Hutt AM and the two Senedd Members for the area opposing the proposed cuts to UK International Aid (GDP 0.7% > 0.5%) on behalf of the Committee.
6. That the Fair Trade "Wave of Hope" is publicized across the town Council's social medias between June 11 – 13.
7. That the future "Meet the Mayor on the Square" events have information on Fair Trade and Fair Trade products are used should tea and coffee be provided.
8. That the Community Engagement Officer organizes a "Fairtrade 5K" throughout the month of August and is provided with a budget of £200 from which to do so, noting that all profits raised will be donated to the Mayor's Charities.

121. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: That the date of the next meeting of the Fairtrade Advisory Committee is scheduled to be held on Monday, 11 October 2021.

Signed (Chairperson) Dated