

# Portishead Town Council

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## 5a. Fairtrade Portishead report Town Council meeting Wednesday 19 May 2021

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At the Town Council meeting in February 2020 the Town Council agreed to support Fairtrade Portishead (extract from the PTC minutes below).

The principles of Fair Trade were agreed by the Town Council but not detailed in the minutes:

Extract from Portishead Town Council meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020

### **PTC20.189 TO RECEIVE PRESENTATION / REPORTS FROM ORGANISATIONS (Item 6)**

*Fairtrade Portishead – Pat Thurston from Fairtrade Portishead, explained it was a relatively new group led by representatives from local shops and faith communities. She explained that Fairtrade is about ensuring that growers and producers in developing countries get a fair price for the goods they produce. The ultimate object of Fairtrade Portishead is to work with local businesses and shops to achieve certification of Portishead as a Fairtrade Town, from the UK Fairtrade Foundation. The group have a new website and Facebook page which explain its goals and objectives. In support of Fairtrade Fortnight (Monday 24 February to Sunday 8 March) it is holding an event on Sunday 1 March at the Waitrose Café with a Nicaraguan coffee farmer as a guest speaker.*

*She asked for the Council to formally support Fairtrade in Portishead and the Fairtrade Fortnight and requested that a Councillor join the steering group. Councillor Sue Mason volunteered to be the nominated Councillor for the group.*

**Resolved** – *The council supports Fairtrade Portishead and Fairtrade Fortnight. Councillor Mason is the nominated Councillor for Fairtrade Portishead. All Councillors in favour.*

### **Update:**

Fairtrade Portishead is in process of applying for Portishead to be a Fairtrade Town. As part of that application the Town Council has been asked to minute the wording of the resolution below:

Portishead Town Council supports the principles of Fair Trade and, as an important consumer, the promotion and purchase of Fair Trade goods as part of our commitment to sustainable development

### **The Council resolves:**

1. To offer Fair Trade goods - for example products carrying the Fairtrade Mark wherever possible and available, when catering for Council meetings and functions.

2. To implement Fair Trade through our procurement processes and those of our suppliers wherever possible.
3. To appoint a named Council representative to support the work of the Portishead Fairtrade Steering Group and to make other staff and resources available as and when appropriate and available.
4. To promote Fair Trade issues and practices among local business, commercial and other organisations.
5. To support the Group's communication plan.
6. To share best practice with regard to Fair Trade and sustainable development with other public bodies, stakeholders and partners.
7. To work with the Steering Group to ensure that Portishead continues to meet and exceed the requirements necessary to maintain its status as a Fairtrade Zone.