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To the Mayor and Town Councillors,

The Fairtrade Group were due to apply for renewal last December but we were given an extension for this due to the pandemic. We have managed with Zoom meetings to put together our application but are aware that we need continuing Town Council support to do this. If our renewal is successful we will be celebrating 10 years as a Fairtrade Town. As you are probably aware the group takes part in Town events such as the Food and Music Festival, the Town Show and Edwardian evening in an attempt to promote continuing awareness of Fairtrade and its benefits to small Developing World producers who provide us with goods we need to import. In support of Fairtrade the Town Council have agreed to serve Fairtrade tea, coffee etc when entertaining. Also the logo is posted on the Town Council website and a copy of the certification hangs in the lobby of the Town Hall. When Civic Dinners were possible the Council had agreed to make it a Fair and Local menu with this clearly stated for diners to appreciate, we would hope this could continue. We have always greatly valued the link with the Town council on our steering group by the appointment of a Town Council rep.

If our renewal is successful we hope to host a 10 year celebration event in the summer, Covid Restrictions permitting, to which you would all be invited.

Hoping it will be possible for you to put Fairtrade Renewal on your next meeting agenda.