

Minutes of the Chichester and District UNA Branch Committee meeting No 7/1, Friday 13th October 2006.

7/1.1 Members present, apologies and notice of items for AOB

The committee was very much saddened to learn of the death of Frances Gladwyn, she passed away on 28th September and her burial was held recently on 10th October. A wreath and card of remembrance had been arranged for her burial. Frances was a very good friend of the UNA and UNICEF, for many years she had taken the minutes of this Branch, she had also promoted and sold UNICEF cards. It was agreed by the members present that £100.00 would be donated to UNICEF with a letter of explanation. She will be very much missed by this Branch.

(1) Members Present (5)

Viv Williams (Chair), June MacBride, Peter Stern, Derek Wales and Andrew Young (Secretary).

(2) Apologies (2)

Barbara Bubb and Deborah Hennessy.

(3) Notice of AOB (2)

Numbering of UNA minutes.

7/1.2 Minutes of last meeting No 6/7 of 15th September 2006

- a) 7.1 Spelling of Frances Gladwyn.
- b) 7.8 (3) Spelling of Bahá'ís.

7/1.3 Matters arising

- a) 7.4 Viv had not yet replied to Deal's letter.
- b) 7.5 (1) Peter had not yet written to Oliver Southgate.
- c) 7.7 (2) Andrew had not sent a programme to David Cooper.
- d) 7.8 (1) Andrew had not telephoned his agreed pages from the membership list.

19:45

7/1.4 Correspondence

Nothing to report.

7/1.5 Finance

(1) Treasurers report

Following the Flag Day in Midhurst, the committee agreed to send a letter to The Chichester Observer (or The Midhurst and Petworth Observer) thanking the people of Midhurst for raising £510.76. Derek had produced a letter for Viv to send. There were no changes to finances.

(2) Flag days 2007

Several days have been applied for - The Cross, Sainsburys and Waitrose in Chichester, and Budgens in Midhurst. No responses have been received.

Viv had received the Flag Day envelope from Nora Kingbourne, it contained a wealth of information about Flag Days. It was hoped it could be given to Desmond until a new Flag Day co-ordinator could be found.

(3) Reform of overall funding for Branches

The meeting discussed at some length 'the quota', UNA Trust, our Flag Day monies, our members subscriptions.

It was suggested a resolution to UNA's 2007 conference could be drafted 'Moving

out of the current HQ and renting somewhere else a lot cheaper'.

The meeting also discussed 'more visitors to meetings' vs 'more full members'.

20:20

7/1.6 Branch affairs

(1) Current meetings

a. AGM 20/9/06

34 people had attended the AGM, mostly members. It went well, Liz Campling was thanked and the committee agreed a cheque for £25.00 should be sent to the Chichester Fairtrade group as a thank you. During the meeting £37.50 had been donated,

b. Vijay Mehta 11/10/06

34 people attended Vijay's recent talk on Responsibility, £23.30 had been donated. Vijay's travelling expenses were £40.00. Viv had nearly finished the resolution and would circulate it to Committee members before sending it with a copy of Vijay's Speech to UNA HQ, British Foreign Office and the local MP's.

c. Roslyn Kissell 8/11/06

Poster and flyers would need to be done fairly soon so they can be circulated. It was agreed to telephone our members from the August 2006 membership list prior to the meeting.

- June will telephone the locally affiliated members
- Viv – pages 4, 5, 6 and 7
- Peter – pages 8 and 9
- Andrew – pages 10, 11, 12 and 13

Unfortunately Viv would be unable to attend the meeting, however he would approach Barbara to chair instead. June will do the *Vote of Thanks*.

- June will open the hall
- Josie Eckhard will do the refreshments
- Peter will deliver the flags and display boards
- Andrew will arrange the UNA table and set-up the boards

20:50

(2) Future meetings

Nothing to report.

(3) Publicity and Branch officers

Andrew produced a list of officer titles and it was noted that very few of these roles were occupied.

Chair: *Viv Williams*

Vice-chair: *June MacBride*

Treasurer: *Derek Wales*

Secretary: *Andrew Young*

Minute secretary: *Andrew Young*

Membership officer:

Flag day co-ordinator:

Programme co-ordinator:

Press officer:

Publicity co-ordinator:

Meeting co-ordinator:

Display/table organiser:

(4) Branch web site

Nothing to report.

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7/1.7 Membership

Nothing to report.

7/1.8 Regional and national matters

(1) New draft constitution for Branches

Apparently the document originated from the Regional Office and UNA-HQ were not aware of it. Peter offered to have a look at the draft constitution and report to a future meeting.

(2) Regional Executive Committee

The next meeting of the Regional Executive Committee has been changed to 4th November in Woking, contact Wendy Ellis 01730 812265 for further details.

7/1.9 Any other business

(1) Reports from Wendy Ellis

Wendy had sent several emails reporting that she had attended the CDC Environment Review Forum on 25/9/06 and the next would be 4/12/06. The next West Sussex Sustainability Forum would be 7/11/06. Wendy asked that the schools which took part in the last MUNGA (Model United Nations General Assembly) be contacted about Climate Change Champions, she had attached a standard letter, it was anticipated that Desmond Scott would have the school list.

(2) Numbering of the minutes

After a short discussion, the committee agreed that the numbering of the minutes would start after each AGM, as this meeting was the first meeting of the 2006 - 2007 UNA year it would be known as 7/1.

7/1.10 Date of next meeting

The next meeting is Wednesday 22nd November, 19:00, June's house.

The meeting finished at 21:17.