

Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of the 106th Executive Committee
of the Socialist Party of Great Britain,
on the 7 March of November 2009 at 52 Clapham High Street, London SW4

(These minutes are not official until ratified by the EC)

Present: Browne, Thomas, Allen, Johnson, Deutz (P) (Chair), Wigley,
Miller, Chesham(M), Buick, Carter (from 1.30pm).

Meeting commenced 1:15pm.

1. Election of General Secretary

Ballot Committee reported 326 papers issued, 118 returned. For S. Wigley
110, against 7, 1 invalid.

Miller and Buick: note election of Wigley as Gen Sec.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting:

Miller and Browne moved to delete “consistently” on p. 9. Agreed.

Browne and Buick moved adoption of the minutes as amended. Agreed.

3. Matters arising:

(i) Premises Committee report.

Browne and Buick: note reports re. kitchen tiling and shop fitters, with
thanks. Agreed.

There was a verbal report re an intruder climbing over the wall

Johnson and Wigley Noted. Agreed.

Shop front: Miller and Browne: “The estimates to be noted in the minutes
and the matter be deferred to the next EC meeting”. Carried 8-0-1.

Estimates for the shop front work:

Kingseal Windows £8837 + VAT

Superior Shopfitting £28490 + VAT

(ii) Nominations.

Browne and Thomas “That we appoint cde Otter to the Enquiry Department”.
Agreed.

Browne and Johnson “”That we appoint comrade Johnstone to the blog
department”. Agreed.

There were two candidates for the one vacancy on the Standing Orders
Committee, cde. Stevens and cde Scholey.

Miller and Allen “That cde Stevens be appointed to the Standing Orders
Committee”. Lost 3-5-2.

Johnson and Carter “That cde Scholey be appointed to the Standing Orders
Committee”. Carried 7-0-3

(iii) A call was put out for further nominations to vacant positions, with
urgency noted for the assistant treasurer post. (see call at end of these
Minutes)

(iv) Re Form F for Eric Hamilton. Glasgow branch wrote saying he had now
paid his dues and requesting reinstatement

Browne and Johnson “That cde Hamilton be reinstated”. Agreed.

(v) Glasgow Branch resolution:

“That Glasgow Branch are opposed to the spending of £10,000 on bus

advertising” (Carried 9-0, 10 members present).
Miller and Johnson “Noted”. Agreed.

4. Accounts.

(i) Treasurer presented monthly accounts for August, September, October and November 2008.

Miller and Buick moved that the accounts be noted. Agreed.

(ii) Gas bill arrears: letter from Treasurer.

Johnson and Wigley “That the Treasurer be thanked for pursuing the matter, saving the Party over £5000; and that he be authorised to pay the outstanding amount of £2368.44”. Carried 9-0-1

Browne and Allen “That the HOO take monthly gas readings”. Agreed.

6. Reports of Party Officers, Committees and Departments

(i) Reports to Conference 2009.

Advertising Department. Miller and Johnson moved acceptance. Agreed.

Archives Department. Miller and Browne “That Pat and Norman Deutz be changed to Derek Deutz”. Agreed.

Miller and Browne moved acceptance. Agreed.

Audio-Visual Department. Johnson and Wigley moved acceptance. Agreed.

Ballot Committee. Wigley and Allen moved acceptance. Agreed.

Campaigns Department. Buick and Chesham(M) moved acceptance. Agreed.

Central Branch Secretary. Miller and Browne “Add ‘According to the database’ to the start of the report”. Agreed.

Miller and Browne moved acceptance. Agreed.

Election Department. Wigley and Browne moved acceptance. Agreed.

Education Department. Johnson and Wigley moved acceptance. Agreed.

Enquiries Department. Wigley and Johnson moved acceptance. Agreed.

HOO Report. Buick and Allen moved acceptance. Agreed.

Internet Department. Wigley and Johnson “That the figures be deleted from the Internet Dept. Report”. 8-0-1

Premises Committee. Wigley and Chesham(M) moved acceptance. Agreed.

Socialist Standard Department. Johnson and Allen moved acceptance. Agreed.

Standing Orders Committee. Miller and Buick moved acceptance. Agreed.

(ii) Standing Orders Committee letter to Conference.

Miller and Buick moved to note. Carried 8-0-2.

(iii) Email from cde. Buick regarding staying at HO over Conference and keys.

Miller and Browne “That, for situations not covered by motion 2 of the 2008 Conference, authorisation of overnight stays at HO be delegated, between EC meetings, to any two of the General Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Central Organiser and Head Officer Organiser”. Carried 10-0.

Miller and Johnson “That the HOO and Central Organiser be asked to update and publish a list of local accommodation”. Agreed.

Miller and Johnson “That regarding the issue of keys, cde Buick be referred to the HOO Terms of Reference”.

Johnson and Miller “That T. Gluck and Johnson be allowed to stay at HO on the 5-6th March 2009). Agreed.

Johnson and Allen “That the Gen Sec request Stair and D. Lambert return their Premises keys”

Browne and Wigley amendment “Delete D. Lambert”. 9-0-1

Substantive “that Stair return his premises keys” carried 7-1-2.

(iii) Forms C.

Forms C available for West London and Central London.
Noted.

Break 3:00 – 3:25.

7. Correspondence

(i) SPC Newsletter. Allen and Browne moved to note. Agreed.

(ii) International Historical Research letter.

Wigley and Allen “That the IHR letter be referred to the Campaigns Department”. Agreed.

(iii) Campaigns Department update

(a) requesting £70 for food, and that some posters be printed, for 2 May Day School.

Allen and Buick “That the report be adopted re posters and £70 for food”. Cd 10-0.

(b) Wigley and Carter “That the matter of film licensing be deferred one month”

Miller and Buick addendum “... and that the Campaigns Department be asked to furnish a written report detailing the costs and benefits of each kind of film licence under consideration” carried 10-0. Substantive carried 10-0

(c) Browne and Buick “That item 2 [leaflets and stickers] of the report be referred to the Publication Department” carried 10-0

(d) Buick and Browne “That item 3 [webcast] of the report be referred to the Internet department and the AudioVisual department”. Carried 10-0

(iii) Blog Department report to Conference (late).

Miller and Thomas “In the blog department report, ‘the department currently ... but not all have been able to’ be changed to ‘in 2008, the dept had four members but not all were able to’” Carried 10-0

Miller and Browne “That the blog dept report be Adopted as amended” carried 10-0

(iv) Membership applications Department report to conference (late)

Browne and Johnson “That the membership Applications Department report be adopted”. Agreed.

9. Any Other Business

(i) Johnson made a notice of business “The surplus Standards at HO”.

(ii) Buick and Allen “That a call be made for volunteers for catering at Conference : they should contact the Central Organiser”. Agreed.

(iii) Chesham (M) (Campaigns) gave notice that Brian Morris would be invited to a forum/ debate with the Party later in the year.

10.. Wigley and Johnson “That Miller be the chair for the next meeting”. Agreed.

11. Date of Next Meeting: Saturday 4 April

Meeting adjourned 16:25.

Comrades, I would like to draw your attention to vacant posts requiring volunteers:

Assistant Treasurer

Blog Department. (comrades who were on the department last year are heartily invited to apply)

May I also draw your attention to the need for catering assistance at Conference, which is on 10th-11th April 2009.

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