

Minutes of the 10th meeting of the 106th EC, 3rd Oct 2009

Present: Chesham M., Wigley, Browne, Buick, Carter, Thomas, Miller (late – travel issues)

Apologies: Johnson (illness), Allen (moving), Deutz (Party business)

Called to order 13:17

1) Minutes of the last meeting

Buick and Browne “That the minutes be agreed”. Agreed.

2) Matters arising

2b ii. Re§7(a) (Parliament pamphlet)

Motion 9 (Buick & Deutz) That the previous resolutions be referred to the Publications Department and that they be asked to investigate whether the pamphlet could be printed at Head Office on the new photocopier.

No response as yet.

2b iii. Re §6.3 (list of local accommodation)

It was agreed to remind the Central Organiser and Head Office Organiser to produce the list in advance of ADM.

Three potential locations were found : the Central Organiser will advertise them on spintcom. One delegate per Branch is entitled to residential and travelling expenses.

2c i. Membership cards.

Motion 11 (Buick & Browne) That Cde McCullough be reminded of his offer to print the new membership cards.

No response as yet.

7b. Fire alarm.

3) Reports from Party Officers, committees, departments

a) AV Committee – request for funds for audio recorder.

Thomas and Browne “That the sum of £200 for the purchase of an audio recorder be granted”. Carried 5-0.

b) Premises committee – shop front update. [Quote report]

Deferred one month.

c) Election dept – three extra descriptions registered:

World Socialist Party (UK), World Socialist Party (EU), World Socialist Movement.
Noted.

d) Socialist Standard dept – writers' guide for Socialist Standard – seeking permission to circulate to Branches.

Thomas wished to suggest to the Editorial Committee: a) writers should ask whether what they write is unique to the Party's position, rather than general information. b) could we ask writers to keep their paragraphs short?

Buick disagreed with a) – the Standard should also carry general, historical and factual articles. The Editorial Committee already shortens some paragraphs.

It was agreed that the SSWG should be sent out to Branches in time for ADM.

e) Premises committee – attempted break-in at HO.

Noted.

4) Treasurer and accounts

a) From September – accounts for Jun, Jul, Aug 2009.

Noted.

b) Invitation to renew subscription to *New African* on behalf of cde Suhuyini: £40 per year, £70 for 2 years, £100 for 3.

Buick and Browne “That the treasurer contact cde Suhuyini regarding the matter, and then renew if and as appropriate”. Agreed.

c) Cde Clanchy has dispatched further promotional items overseas.

It was clarified that the costs of items sent by cde Clanchy to Zimbabwe would be borne by the Party. (May 2009 EC minutes, matters arising 4e)

5) Forms A and F

a) One form 'A' – Samuel Wicks

Browne and Thomas “Move acceptance” 6-0.

b) One form 'F' – Rachel McAree

Browne and Thomas “Move acceptance” 6-0

6) Correspondence

a) WSPUS Notification of Annual Conference.

Buick and Wigley “That fraternal greetings be sent by email” Agreed.

b) Cde. Byrne requesting permission to stay at HO for Fri and Sat nights during ADM.

c) Cde Lambert requested permission for a sympathiser to stay at HO during ADM.

Browne and Thomas “That permission be granted for both applications”. Agreed.

7) AOB

a) Catering for ADM: Cde Stepanian has agreed to cater for ADM.

b) Fire technics. Copy of manual for fire alarm testing. Still pending.

c) Further urgent call for Treasurer next year to come forward.

8) Chair, date and time of next meeting.

Browne and Wigley “That Johnson be chair” Agreed.

Next meeting 7th November 2009 1:00pm.

Meeting adjourned 14:03pm.
