

LANCASTER DISTRICT CAMPAIGN FOR NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT

MINUTES OF BUSINESS MEETING, 18 JANUARY, 2010

Present: Dick Allwright (DA), Joan Allwright (JA), Graham Bartram (GB), Rob Brown (RB), Andrea King (AK), Karen Heath (KH), Jacky Skinner (JS), Marilyn Tahernia (MT).

The meeting took place at the Allwright's house in Lancaster, not, as previously planned, at Audrey Harland's. It was chaired by Graham Bartram for the first half, then by Rob Brown.

1. Apologies: Paul Andrews (PA), Gill Goodridge (GG), Audrey Harland (AH), Jean Wangermann (JW).

2. Agenda Review: Accepted but some items in section 8 were dealt with first.

3. Minutes of November 13 Business Meeting: Accepted.

4. Matters arising or for report only.

4.1 Green Christmas Fair. A campaigning success, obtaining many petition signatures and postcard signings, and raising £124.00. The upstairs stall area was very satisfactory and to be repeated.

4.2 Bruce Kent and Anna Liddle visit. Another campaigning success, also raising a lot of money (£90.00 for Bruce, £85.11 for LDCND).

4.3 Annual Report to National CND. The composite report from region was circulated by e-mail, and heavily used in National CND's Annual Review (copies handed out to those present).

4.4 'No to Trident replacement' campaign petitions and postcards. See 8.7, below.

5. Correspondence.

5.1 We regretted Oxfam's response to our objection to Lancaster Oxfam shop refusing to display Bruce Kent visit poster. Charity Commission rules prevent them from displaying political material, and CND is unfortunately deemed 'political'. We decided to let the matter rest.

5.2 We agreed to a National CND request for £60.00 donation to help fund Chris Wood to go to New York for Nuclear Non-Proliferation talks. **Action JW**

5.3 Invitation to the Peace News Winter gathering in Nottingham, over the past weekend. No one had been able to take part.

6. Literature received.

6.1 Blackpool and Fylde Newsletter, with report of the regional meeting in late November.

6.2 CND Annual Review for 2009.

7. Treasurer's Report. JW reported, by e-mail, assets of around £1000.00.

8. Matters for discussion and decision.

8.1 AGM Review (deferred from November). The 2009 arrangements considered satisfactory, so there is no call for change in 2010.

The general issue of suitable venues for public meetings during year was raised. The Duke's Theatre has a room with dvd playback facilities, a good venue for Mell Harrison to hold a re-energising meeting for all LDCND. **Action JA to check hire charges.**

8.2 Proposals (deferred from Nov 13) to create website management and 'reaching the young' offices were accepted. **Action DA/JA for the 2010 AGM**

In the meantime, RB and KH agreed to meet so that KH could know relevant passwords and learn to use the specialist software involved (as support to RB, not to become official website manager).

Action RB, KH.

DA to invite Cliff Laine (possible successor to RB) to business meetings to become familiar with LDCND. **Action DA**

We agreed to offer space on our website for Cumbria and Lancashire Region material. **Action DA/RB**
We congratulated RB on an excellent website and renewed our commitment to provide the necessary software to any new Website Manager.

8.3 Regional Developments. As planned, Mell Harrison (CND National Group Development Officer) attended the November 27 meeting of representatives from Blackpool and Fylde, East Lancashire, Lancaster and District, and North Cumbria CND groups, who agreed the new name: Cumbria and Lancashire Region CND. Minutes of that meeting have been circulated. The full inaugural meeting scheduled for January had to be postponed and will now take place in late February. We agreed LDCND should support the idea of a minimal membership fee for the region, and KH offered to draft a document to facilitate discussion. **Action KH**

8.4 "No2Heysham3" campaign and HANA (Heysham Anti Nuclear Alliance). We welcomed the established of HANA. RB agreed to contact HANA to find out about its plans and structure. **Action RB**
We agreed to suggest speakers (as requested by Maurice Pennance for the meeting of the Lancaster Sustainability Partnership on Feb 1. **Action DA/JA**

We agreed to ask if LDCND, as a group, can join the Lancaster Sustainability Partnership. **Action KH**
RB agreed to sound out HANA re a possible Chernobyl commemoration event for April 26. **Action RB**
We agreed to pursue cooperation with and support for Barrow Peace Group, taking advantage of PA's Barrow connections. No specific action other than continued networking was planned, however.

8.5 Five questions for candidates at the general election hustings, and for our Newsletter: *deferred to next meeting.*

8.6 'Reaching the Young'. In PA's absence we were pleased to note he had received favourable feedback from schools involved in the Bruce Kent visit, and plans to involve more schools.

8.7 'No to Trident Replacement'.

International Women's Day. We agreed to book a stall for March 6 in Lancaster's Market Place, and to look for other organisations that might wish to cooperate with us on it. **Action KH, to book stall.**

We agreed to order 100 of the new CUT TRIDENT postcards, for use at the above stall. **Action JA**

We also agreed to pay for individual mailing on future postcard campaigns, but to do the mailing ourselves and ask for donations to help with postage costs.

Aldermaston Blockade Feb 15: DA and JA intend to go there by car, weather permitting, and will take others. DA has informed Cumbria and Lancashire Region of this plan and sent LDCND's contact list to facilitate liaison on car travel.

Proposed Quaker 12-hour peace vigil in Lancaster on Feb 15. We agreed to support this and will liaise with vigil organiser Mo Kelly (via JW):

a) to offer help (eg website notice, a press release, and contribution to advertising costs, as appropriate). **Action JA**

b) to discuss the possibility of a more public event in Lancaster on Feb 15. **Action JA**

8.8 Next Newsletter issue. We agreed a short Newsletter to be produced quickly to carry Aldermaston Blockade and Quaker Peace Vigil information. AK agreed to liaise with GB and KH on distribution issues. **Action KH, AK**

9. AOB: none.

10. Date and chair for next business meeting: Monday March 1, at 13 East Road, Lancaster, from 7.30pm, with AK in the chair.

JA/DA (Joint secretaries)