

## LANCASTER DISTRICT CAMPAIGN FOR NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT

### MINUTES OF BUSINESS MEETING, 10 JUNE, 2010

**Present:** Dick Allwright (DA), Joan Allwright (JA), Andrea King (AK), Audrey Harland (AH), Karen Heath (KH), Jacky Skinner (JS) Jean Wangermann (JW).

The meeting was chaired by Jean Wangermann.

**1. Apologies:** Paul Andrews (PA), Graham Bartram (GB), Rob Brown (RB), Gill Goodridge (GG), Marilyn Tahernia (MT).

**2. Agenda Review:** Accepted with the addition at 4.9 of HANA events and developments.

**3. Minutes of March 10 Business Meeting and Report of April 15 Pre-election Meeting:** Accepted.

#### **4. Matters arising or for report only.**

4.1 Guardian advert £25 donation. The donation was paid and the advertisement appeared on May 1 with both LDCND and the Area CND included (if obscurely).

4.2 World Court £25 membership fee in lieu of donation. JW will now set up an arrangement to pay annually, in July. **Action JW**

4.3 Dukes Theatre hire charges. JA reported no progress, but matter will be pursued. **Action JA**

4.4 Review of membership form. We decided revision was worthwhile but not urgent. AK agreed to look at borrowing ideas from other groups' forms. **Action AK**

4.5 International Women's Day report. AH reported that collecting anti-Trident petition signatures had proved a useful vehicle for relating nuclear and women's issues.

4.6 Footprints petition forms. DA/JA reported sending completed forms to the USA as requested, but no deadline had been specified and they arrived too late for the initial submission. They had nevertheless been welcomed by the Footprints team.

4.7 May Day in Burnley. AH reported that six members of LDCND had taken part, in solidarity with East Lancashire CND. The event was in the Trade Union May Day tradition, but quite low-key in a very quiet Burnley. High spots had been the band and the choir that accompanied the parade, and the ELCND stall in the marquee, with Joan West's variation on 'lucky dip'.

4.8 General Election Newsletter, involvement in hustings, etc. We thanked KH for an excellent election special Newsletter. DA/JA reported putting a question about Trident and a Nuclear Weapons Convention to the Churches Together hustings, on behalf of LDCND, as agreed. Four of the five candidates declared themselves completely against Trident (the Lib Dem and the Labour candidates against their own party's policies) leaving only the Conservative candidate (and eventual election winner) in favour. We had used National CND's election website to question them about Trident, and the responses had been posted on the CND website.

4.9 HANA events and developments. The afternoon Market Stall on April 28 (booked by DA on behalf of HANA), was a positive event with excellent (unofficial) music. The HANA meeting in the evening attracted about 35 people (fewer than hoped), and did not result in the established of a formal HANA committee (as hoped). £30 was sent to Maurice Pennance, as planned, to help with printing costs. Given that Heysham is not threatened with immediate development, HANA is now taking a monitoring stance, ready to resume activity if and when necessary. We agreed that it might be worthwhile, as suggested within HANA, to re-open the issue of seeking Nuclear Free Local Authority status for our area. We agreed to check on the status of Lancashire County Council in this respect. **Action DA**

#### **5. Correspondence.**

5.1 An appeal from National CND for volunteers to help steward a Hiroshima - Nagasaki A-bomb Exhibition at Friends House in London, between July 31 and August 11.

5.2 A request from National CND for information about festivals for inclusion in a national Festival Campaign edition. We had none to report.

5.3 A request from national CND for donations to offset the annual cost of Public Liability Insurance. We agreed to donate £50.00 and to request a copy of the cover note. **Action JW**

5.4 Details about the national CND Conference and AGM in October (see also 8.2 below).

5.5 Details of Cumbria's Minerals and Waste Development Framework. Originally sent to the Area group, the papers and DVD were handed to JS for scrutiny until the next Area meeting on July 2, when, if relevant, they will be put on the agenda. **Action JS**

5.6 A call for people to join the Faslane Peace Camp, which risks losing both current residents.

5.7 An announcement inviting members to follow Kate Hudson's blog.

- 5.8 An announcement that Ben Folley is now parliamentary Campaigns Officer for CND.  
5.9 Copies of the DVD "Beating the Bomb" sent by National CND – see 8.5 below.  
5.10 An invitation to go to Fylingdales on June 6 to support the mass trespass organised by Trident Ploughshares and Yorkshire CND. DA/JA had circulated the information and offered transport but it had not proved possible to fill the car and make the trip. We noted with regret the problematic nature of protests at such a remote location, with their risk of receiving no public attention.

## **6. Literature received.**

- 6.1 Newsletters from Blackpool and Fylde, Merseyside, Greater Manchester, Leicester, and Yorkshire CNDs.  
6.2 CAAB Spring Newsletter.  
6.3 CAAT News.  
6.4 Old Newsletters from Scientists for Global Responsibility.  
6.5 Campaign, spring 2010 edition.

## **7. Officers' Reports.**

- 7.1 Treasurer: JW reported assets of just over £900 (up from around £850.00).  
7.2 Membership Secretary: AK reported two new members had joined at the HANA stall. Sadly we also learned that two members had since died.

## **8. Matters for discussion and decision.**

- 8.1 Regional Developments. The next area meeting is set for July 2. No venue is yet decided, but Preston Friends meeting house is a possibility.  
8.2 Resolutions for National CND AGM and conference, October 10/11 for discussion at Area meeting and July Council Meeting. DA/JA agreed to draft a possible resolution in support of Anna Liddle's educational work, and with a plea for it not to fall victim to any new budget constraints. **Action DA/JA.**  
8.3 'Reaching the Young'. PA was absent but reported plans for a session with young Woodcraft Folk in July.  
8.4 Hiroshima/Nagasaki Commemoration, Saturday August 7. AH will make the necessary Market Place booking, for 13.00 to 16.00. DA/JA will contact ICAN for copies of their brochure and other material for our stall. We will again bring facilities for making paper cranes, and the Trident spending choice 'dot board'. **Action DA/JA, AH, etc.**  
8.5 Use of new CND dvd "Beating the Bomb" (see also 5.9 above), a 71 minute film telling the story of UK anti-nuclear campaigning since Hiroshima and Nagasaki were bombed. We agreed it was probably too long for use in its entirety, but that we should consider using an excerpt at our own AGM in September, and excerpts could be used in schools.  
8.6 Menwith Hill Independence from America Day, July 4. DA/JA will take KH and JS in their car, and we will use our e-mail contact list to enlist further support for this immediate campaigning priority. Copies of the flyer were distributed and members were encouraged to go to the CAAB website ([www.caab.org.uk](http://www.caab.org.uk)) for further details in due course. **Action DA/JA, KH, JS, etc.**  
8.7 Pre-AGM meeting. We agreed to meet on **FRIDAY**, September 3, at the Allwrights' house, and with AK in the chair, to plan the AGM (set for September 23). We agreed to phone Lindis Percy to renew the invitation she had accepted but been unable to take up last year. Alternatively we might use part of the "Beating the Bomb" dvd. JW will check that the room has been booked for September 23. **Action DA/JA**  
8.8 Next Newsletter issue. We agreed to produce and distribute a brief AGM-related newsletter as soon as possible after the scheduled AGM planning meeting on September 3. **Action KH.**  
AK will contact GB to set up a Newsletter Distribution review meeting, with JA and AH, in the last two weeks of August. **Action AK**

9. AOB: None.

10. Date and chair for next (pre-AGM special) business meeting: **Friday**, September 3, from 7.30pm, with AK in the chair, at 13 East Road, Lancaster (tel: 33991).

JA/DA (Joint secretaries)