

**LANCASTER DISTRICT CAMPAIGN FOR NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT  
MINUTES OF BUSINESS MEETING, FEBRUARY 17, 2011**

**Present:** Dick Allwright (DA), Joan Allwright (JA), Paul Andrews (PA), Graham Bartram (GB), Gill Goodridge (GG), Audrey Harland (AH), Karen Heath (KH), Andrea King (AK), Jacky Skinner (JS), Jean Wangermann (JW). Plus Andy Whitfield.

The meeting was chaired by Audrey Harland.

1. **Apologies:** Cliff Laine (CL), Marilyn Tahernia (MT).

2. **Agenda Review:** Accepted.

3. **Minutes:** November 4 2010 Business Meeting minutes accepted.

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

4.1 *Green Christmas Fair.* We reported receipts of £140, against expenses of £10, and 163 signatures for the new Stop Trident petition. Having an upstairs stall with wandering volunteers collecting petition signatures has been so successful we will do the same in November 2011.

4.2 *Menwith Hill pictures on website.* We agreed to check if pictures had indeed been submitted and put on the website. **Action DA/KH**

4.3 *Feedback to Lindis Percy, with £50 donation to CAAB.* Lindis thanked us for our feedback and donation, but has not yet cashed the cheque. We agreed to enquire why. **Action DA**

4.4 *UNA Event, Kendal, December 7.* DA/JA reported six schools from south Cumbria, north Lancashire and west Yorkshire role-played nations at a UN Security Council debate on the possibility of a nuclear-free world. Sadly, from our CND perspective, it was a formal 'public speaking' debate rather than an opportunity for young people to freely debate nuclear disarmament issues. Seven peace education packs unfortunately arrived too late to be distributed to schools, but PA promised to get them to the right people. **Action DA/JA, PA**

4.5 *Communication monitoring.* AH agreed to ask Barbara Fairbairn if she is willing to help ensure we do not miss important correspondence re campaigning opportunities. **Action AH**

4.6 *Campaign Review.* JA distributed 7 copies, noting the frequent mention of LDCND activities (as part of Cumbria and Lancashire Area CND).

4.7 *Screening of Into Eternity at the Dukes.* We agreed to attend the Feb 22 Q & A session, and if Transition City agrees, to distribute CNDUK nuclear power information sheets. **Action DA**

**5. Correspondence.**

5.1 A CNDUK e-mail announcing an interview with Judith Le Blanc on Reality Radio, an online station run by CNDUK (<http://realityradio.org.uk>).

5.2 A CNDUK announcement of coverage of nuclear power issues on Reality Radio, via the No Need for Nuclear website, and an anti-nuclear power protest skills share weekend near London on Feb. 19-20, organised by the Stop Nuclear Power Network and Kick Nuclear group.

5.3 A message from Greater Manchester CND (to HANA) about a possible meeting in Manchester (perhaps on March 22) to plan action in the north-west to commemorate Chernobyl. We agreed to keep in touch to ensure coordination with our own Chernobyl commemoration action (to be planned at our next Business Meeting). **Action DA/JA**

5.4 A message from Linda Walker (Chernobyl Children's Project) calling for CND support for a Candlelight vigil on April 25, the eve of the Chernobyl anniversary, 'in the shape of a giant 25'. No decision was taken.

5.5 Multiple messages from HANA, discussion deferred to item 8.3 below.

**6. Literature received.**

6.1 Newsletters from:

6.1.1 Blackpool and Fylde, Merseyside, Yorkshire, and Scottish CND groups.

6.1.2 CAAT.

6.2 CNDUK Peace Education materials:

- 6.2.1 Under Pressure (7 copies).
- 6.2.2 Peace Education Pack (7 copies).
- 6.2.3 Sadako's Cranes for Peace (7 copies).

**7. Officers' Reports:** Treasurer JW reported assets of just over £1122.09 (up more than £200).

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

8.1 *Arrangements for International Women's Day, March 8.* We will meet at 11am, 13 East Road, to plan for a stall from 1-4pm that day, and will convert our 'spending priorities' chart to reflect women's issues in relation. AH to book the stall, KH to look for relevant materials. **Action AH, KH**

8.2 *Cumbria and Lancashire Area CND developments.* DA reported a very productive Area meeting on December 9 in Great Harwood, in spite of the sad news the Blackpool and Fylde Group had folded. Irene Sanderson (Area Treasurer) represented the Area at the postponed National Council meeting at the end of January, and reported to general satisfaction that the 2011 National AGM and Conference will be held in Sheffield. DA noted that Joan West was looking forward to welcoming people to the next Area Meeting, on Friday, Feb 25, in Great Harwood, from 2pm. DA, JA, KH and JS will attend. **Action DA/JA, KH, JS**

8.3 *HANA and nuclear new-build developments.* JS provided a summary of recent activity. New-build at Heysham still seems a low priority for EDF, but Westinghouse wants a development at Springfields. The Nuclear Installations Inspectorate is being re-jigged but it is not yet clear what will emerge.

8.4 *Reaching the Young.* PA reported embryonic plans to mount a further schools event with Anna Liddle and Bruce Kent in October 2011. As noted in 4.4 above, he will distribute the peace education materials to local teachers. **Action DA/JA, PA**

8.5 *New Anti-Trident petition and Westminster Billboard Appeal.* DA/JA circulated details of the CNDUK Billboard appeal for donations, noting the deadline of February 18. With regard to the anti-cuts protest on March 26 in London, JS agreed to find out if the local anti-cuts group, or trade union associations had any plans to arrange transport to London. We also agreed to find out if any parallel event was being planned in Manchester for that day. **Action JS, DA**

8.6 *Website management arrangements.* We agreed to contact Rob Brown for help in re-registering our domain. **Action KH**

We agreed to check on how up-to-date our website is and to ask CL to post a report of our meeting. **Action DA**

8.7 *Possible screening of "Beating the Bomb".* Item deferred, but with agreement to approach Dave Webb (current CND Chair) with a view to his coming to Lancaster for a showing. **Action DA**

8.8 *Newsletter Distribution reorganisation.* GB and AK have been liaising on this but will need a meeting of distributors to re-arrange lists and routes. **Action GB, AK**

8.9 *Next Newsletter issue.* We agreed end of March/early April for the next issue, to ensure publicity for Chernobyl commemoration plans. **Action KH**

9. AOB:

9.1 We agreed to send a 'get well' card to Marilyn Tahernia. **Action JA/DA**

9.2 AK agreed to ask Andrew King if he would be willing to act as 'examiner of accounts' for us. **Action AK**

9.3 DA/JA informed the committee that they expect to be away from Lancaster from Late May possibly through June and into July.

10. *Date and chair for next business meeting:* Thursday, April 7, 2011, from 7.30pm, at 2 Laister Court, Bare Lane, Morecambe. Graham Bartram volunteered to act as chair.

Dick and Joan Allwright, Joint Secretaries