

Minutes - Socialist Societies Executive

Tuesday 15 July 2008

Present: Jacky Peacock, Huw Davies, Nicholas Russell, Melanie Smallman, Sheila Dore, Dianne Hayter, Emma Burnell, Simon Wright.

1. Introductions and apologies

Fred Grindrod, Judith Bara, Carlie Newman, Bill Thomas, Martin Dore, David Caplin.

2. Minutes of meetings 5 June 2008.

Approved.

3. Matters Arising

Simon still to write to Nigel Spearing.

4. NEC Report: Dianne Hayter

Chancellor warns that public spending increases will be limited but upbeat about economy generally. Audit of party finances endorsed that party is solvent. Spending frozen where possible and agreement being reached with creditors. Nicholas asked about the Scope survey of 4 June 2009. Discussion about party. Need for GOTV in safe seats for European elections.

5. National Policy Forum preparations for Warwick

SocSoc amendments have been submitted. Joint Policy Committee next week will show approved amendments and those for rejection/debate. Meeting in Warwick next week. NPF reps will ask Societies for support when we know which amendments might be rejected. SEA want to prioritise ending SATS, ending targets and league tables, ending selection and moratorium on academies. SERA did not submit amendments. Discussion about how reps should represent views of all Societies.

6. Parliamentary Hearings Report

Was published and used with Ed Miliband. Emma suggested writing again and inviting Polly Billington. Send it to Ed Balls. Copies at Warwick and Manchester. To be produced higher quality DESIGN.

7.Report of meeting with Ed Miliband 10 June

Covered above.

8.Party Conference

Stall booked. Fabians will request names, materials and rota for the stall. Discussion about costs to Societies. SHA has hotel.

9.Officers' Reports including Treasurer's Report

Emma will devote first week of August to solving the bank account and invoicing Societies.

10.Any other Business

Sheila shared a resolution from SEA conference on bullying of disabled children for NPF - Simon to share by email.

11.Date of next meeting

15 September 2008.