

Minutes – Socialist Societies Executive

Monday 21 May 2007, 6.30pm

Present: Sally Mulready, Malcolm Horne, Jacky Peacock, Emma Burnell, Gareth Davies, Carlie Newman, Nicholas Russell, Dianne Hayter, Simon Wright, Andrew Bradstock.

1. Introductions and apologies

Apologies from David Caplin, Bill Thomas, Nigel Spearing, Jim Moher, Janet Seymour-Kirk, Judith Bara, Marianne Hood, Huw Davies, Neil Nerva.

2. Minutes of meeting of 19 March

Approved.

3. Matters Arising

17 September date confirmed and not moving. Dianne clarified the status of Friends Groups not affiliated to the Party and will send Sally Mulready the relevant policy (**ACTION: Dianne**).

4. NEC Report

Brief report about the last NEC to be attended by Tony Blair and John Prescott. Proposed and agreed that a letter of thanks from the Socialist Societies to each for their service should be sent (**ACTION: Simon**). Noted that the party staff are working on the leadership elections and other activities are postponed.

5. Deputy Leadership elections – arrangements for Socialist Societies

Discussion about the balloting arrangements for those Societies using Popularis. Societies will be told the breakdown of their members' voting. Some Societies making supporting nominations for candidates but many not.

SERA had invited Gordon Brown to do an event but his office responded they would rather do something with all the Socialist Societies. Agreed to propose a No.10 reception soon after GB comes into office (**ACTION: Emma**).

6. Bournemouth Conference

Stall in progress, thanks to Fabian Society. While there will not be a Socialist Societies venue, the CSM has a venue to sublet and vacancies still available should be circulated to Societies (**ACTION: Andrew**).

7. Election to National Constitutional committee – proposal from Disabled Members' Group

Proposal to try to have one nomination for this position on behalf of all Socialist Societies. Was discussed but rejected as impractical. Agreed that we should try to make

sure there is a link and to invite Pat Ireland and other nominees to take part in one of our meetings before conference (**ACTION: Simon**).

8. Officers' Reports including Treasurer's Report

Agreed that Emma Burnell should replace Pete Moorey as a signatory on bank account(s), alongside Jacky Peacock and Simon Wright and that any two of three can sign cheques (**ACTION: Emma**).

9. Any other Business

Congratulations to Nicholas Russell elected to London Regional Board. Nick encouraged other regions to follow example of a Disability Officer.

10. Dates for future meetings.

16 July, 17 September.