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CCMR Committee Meeting plus Seminar

Wednesday 14th December 2011

Minutes

Present: Chauhdry M Shafique (Chair), David Picken (Vice-Chair), Tony King, Laurence Smy, Stephen Clifford, David Snoxell, Jessica Atkinson, Aman Ullah, Choudhary, Ghalib Hussain, Paul Willis, Mussarat Iqbal, John Richey, Amir Dad Khan Raja, Cllr. Zia Ahmed, Riaz Ahmed, Safina Shafique, Carolina Lindahl, David Williams, Mohammed Azad, Naheem Bashir, Mohammad Tausique, John Bajina, Anne Bowker, Jackie Lock, Hassan Mahamdallie.

Shafique opened the meeting with a welcome to all.

1. Apologies: Helen Byrne, Martin Smith, Karen Johnstone, Ruth Richey, Greg Livingstone, Imam Sultan, Sajid Ali, Zafar Iqbal, Dr Siddiqui, Dr Katy Simmons, Azher Raja.

David Williams informed the members that Dominic Mundy had left and would be replaced in due course.

2. Minutes of the last meeting Wednesday 28th September 2011 – the meeting agreed these were a true record.

3. Matters Arising:

Recent local cemetery attacks update. – Shafique informed the meeting that the 'Task and Finish Group' had completed their work and made recommendations which are to go before Wycombe District Council.

4. Committee Matters

Think Tank Update – Laurence Smy advised that the next Think Tank meeting is on 24th January 2012 at 10am at Bucks new University. He said all members of the committee were welcome to attend these bi-monthly meetings. He reported that the visits made by David Picken and Iman Sultan to local schools had been well received. At the invitation of the schools they will be visiting Highworth Combined School in early January and Iman Sultan will be joined by the Bishop of Buckingham for a visit to the John Hampden School in March. The aim is to go into every school in due course. Shafique felt it would be helpful another Imam were able to attend the Think Tank meetings. Tony King asked if others could attend. Laurence felt that the presence of guests needed to be thought through. Responding to a request from Carolina Lindahl for written reports he said he preferred to give verbal ones, but offered to give a similar presentation to the group, possibly at the University.

5. Shafique welcomed Hassan Mahamdallie to the meeting. Hassan gave a presentation on the multiculturalism debate. Martin Smith was unwell and unable to be present. Hassan also touched on some of the issues Martin was going to address. This was followed by discussion and debate, which was followed by a detailed discussion and debate by the CCMR members.

David Picken, thanked Hassan for his contribution and passionate optimism.

6. This is the last meeting to be attended by David Picken, as he leaves to take a new post as Archdeacon of Newark in the New Year. Shafique thanked him for his work and valuable contribution to the community. He also expressed his thanks to All Saints as a whole and the team David had created and also particularly to Helen Byrne. Amir Dad Khan Raja also thanked David Picken and the meeting gave David a standing ovation. David responded, thanking Shafique and saying being involved with setting up the Council had been a life changing experience for him.