

# **Council for Christian Muslim Relations (HW)**

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## **CCMR Committee Meeting plus Seminar**

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2011**

### **Minutes**

Present: Chauhdry M Shafique (Chair), David Picken (Vice-Chair), Zafar Iqbal, Laurence Smy, Anne Bowker, John Bajina, Helen Byrne, Jackie Lock, Laurence Smy, David Snoxell, Sue Morton, Sajid Ali, Ghalib Hussain, Latif Raja, Ch. Mahmood, Karen Johnstone, Tony King, Shahid Akhtar, Masoud Ahmed, Michael Birmingham, Mark Macaulay, Zafar Iqbal, Imam Sultan, Anne Bowker, Tony Dickinson, Steve Baker MP.

Shafique opened the meeting with a welcome to all.

1. Apologies: Marcus Smeeth, Paul Willis, Azher Raja, Mohammed Azad, Carolina Lindahl, David Williams, Naheem Bashir, Stephen Clifford, Dominic Mundy, Dr Ghayas Siddiqui, Safina Shafique, Martin Phillips, Greg Livingstone, Dr Katy Simmons, Ruth Richey, Denise Critchell.

2. Minutes of the last meeting Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2011 – the meeting agreed these were a true record, proposed by Laurence Smy and seconded by John Bajina.

3. Matters Arising:

Wycombe Race Equality Council closure update. – The WREC staff will be transferred to Bucks County Council. However, the WREC Committee shall continue for the time being and CCMR shall affiliate itself with it. The CCMR Chairman to action this matter.

Recent local cemetery attacks update. – Shafique informed the meeting that Wycombe District Council have set up a 'Task and Finish Group' which includes Councillors' of all the three main political parties. One of the areas they would be looking at is preventative measures that can be taken following the recent cemetery attacks. A site visit of cemetery has recently taken place by staff and councillors who will be making recommendations in due course.

4. Committee Matters

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer gave his report which included the balance on the account and recent payment of £144.00 to Singla Market for the website creation and maintenance.

CCMR website

It was agreed that the website would benefit from greater attention and ongoing update, something that had not been possible to date. The Think Tank Group was asked to consider this matter as part of their task and make recommendations to the CCMR committee in due course. Suggestions included: linking it to a local business sponsor, exploring ways publicising the work of CCMR more widely at local mosques and churches.

Think Tank Update – Laurence Smy advised that the next Think Tank meeting is on 25<sup>th</sup> October, and gave a brief account the items discussed on the previous Think Tank meetings, and in particular he referred to the value of both David Picken and Imam Sultan's joint work with local

schools.

5. Shafique welcomed Steve Baker MP to the meeting. Steve gave a presentation on “The Big Society” idea which was followed by a detailed discussion and debate by the CCMR members.

David Picken, thanked Steve for his contribution and free and frank interaction with the members.