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

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

### **Minutes**

**Present:** Chauhdry M Shafique (Chair), Hugh Ellis (Vice-Chair), Helen Byrne, Christian Puritz, G Rabbani Shah, Jennifer Taylor, Mohammed Azad, Michael, Evans & Clare Allsop (SAFE), Daniel Sullivan, John Bajina, Sheikh Ramzy, Mohammed Latif Raja, Hamid Shah, Barbara Lambert, Aqeel Akram, Anne Bowker, Mark Macaulay, Amjad Mahand, Jenny Ellis, T Hussain, Imam Sultan Mahmood, Imam Haseeb Jahangir, Mazhar h Shah, Chauhdry Akhtar Mahmood, Maqsood Mir, Shanthi Wortmann, Sufyan Rashid, Shehzad Saleem (Lahore), Laurence Smy.

#### **1. Welcome and Introduction**

Shafique opened the meeting with a welcome to all and especially a warm welcome to those joining the CCMR meeting for the first time and the guest speaker, Micheal Evans.

#### **2. Apologies**

John Lumgair, Simon Crisp, Katy Simmons, Stephanie Rybak, David Snoxell, Steve Baker, Praveen Liyanage, Riaz Ahmed, Kristina Frydberg.

#### **3. Minutes of the meeting 11<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

The Minutes of the meeting 11<sup>th</sup> May were approved as a true record.

The meeting noted that it had been an excellent talk from The Rt Hon Dominic Grieve QC MP on a very important and sensitive area of Foreign Policy and its possible implications for radicalisation.

The Chair was asked to contact Dominic Grieve to invite him for a further return visit to CCMR.

#### **4. Current Issues**

The Chair advised the meeting that there will be an Islamic Calligraphy Day at Bucks New University on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> July in room G5.05 at Bucks New University from 10-3pm. This will be free for CCMR members.

The Chair referred to the absence from the meeting of Tawfiq Abdin who is recovering from a broken hip. The Chair agreed that he would pass on the CCMR's best wishes for a speedy recovery to him.

The Chair reminded all CCMR members that in order to comply with GDPR they need to email Helen Byrne to agree to their consent to remain on the CCMR email circulation list. Any CCMR member signing in at the meeting would be deemed to have opted in, in accordance with the legal requirement.

## **5. Think Tank Update**

Laurence Smy advised members that the Think Tank meeting scheduled for 3 July was postponed in order to pick up issues from Michael's presentation to the CCMR as he had agreed to participate in the Think Tank programmes. A new date will be organised by Laurence.

## **6. Guest Speaker**

The Chairman welcomed the guest speaker Micheal Evans, the project lead for SAFE (Supporting Affected Families from Extremism). Micheal spoke about how his family was directly affected by extremism after his brother left the UK to join the terror group Alshabaab. This was followed by a lively and engaging question and answer session. This included information from Daniel Sullivan from WDC that High Wycombe continues to be of priority interest to the Security and Counter Terrorism units. The Chair suggested that he would speak to Daniel to discuss a suitable CCMR workshop in order to have an enhanced awareness of the security situation and to equip ourselves for more effective responses to any future crisis. Daniel agreed to this suggestion.

## **7. Vote of thanks**

The Reverend Hugh Ellis, vice-chair of the CCMR gave an appreciating vote of thanks to Michael Evans

## **8. Date of next meeting**

To be agreed.