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

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2016**

### **Minutes**

**Present:** Chauhdry M Shafique (Chair), Hugh Ellis (Vice-Chair), Stephanie Rybak, Mark Macaulay, John Bajina, Praveen Liyanage, John Richey, James Boulton, Tony King, Linda Derrick, Simon Crisp, Laurence Smy, Nick Thompson, Ghalib Hussain, Jeff Singleton, Amir D K Raja, Paul Bowen, Angie Sarchet, Korinne Leney, Amjad Mahand, John Parry, Dr Ghyas Siddiqui.

**Apologies:** Riaz Ahmed, Anne Bowker, Jeremy Brooks, Toni Brodelle, Jenny Taylor, Anouar Kassim, Martin Phillips, Daniel Sullivan.

A special meeting was held to consider and reflect upon the post BREXIT situation regarding xenophobia and rising levels of racial incidents. Paul Bowen of TVP gave a brief presentation on the situation in the Thames Valley area and in High Wycombe. He said that there had been some increase in the reported hate crime in High Wycombe area, fortunately it was not as bad as the picture that was emerging from around the country. The Chairman opened the floor for a general discussion and there was collective sense of concern and disappointment at the worsening situation of race relations however members were confident that we shall get back to normal levels of peace and harmony once good sense starts to prevail again. In order to achieve this harmony the importance of leadership at all levels of society was particularly emphasised and we at the CCMR asserted our determination to do everything possible to contribute towards the same by giving our support to the vulnerable and targeted groups.

A draft statement was discussed as a basis for issuing a press release to the Bucks Free Press.

The date of the next meeting was agreed – 25<sup>th</sup> July – 10.30am for 11.00am start.