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Wednesday 12th September 2018

Minutes

Present: Chauhdry M Shafique (Chair), Hugh Ellis (Vice-Chair), Helen Byrne, Christian Puritz, Micheal Evans, Mohammed Latif Raja, Mark Macaulay, Amjad Mahand, Jenny Ellis, Imam Sultan Mahmood, Shanthi Wortmann, Laurence Smy, Khaled Begar, Nabeel Ashfaq, Ashfaq Ahmed Sheikh, Khalid Zaheer, Elizabeth Macaulay, George Noble, Shabaz Mohammed, Riaz Ahmed, Kimberley Ellis, Kristina Frydberg, Paul Foley, Shahid Ghani, Jabeen Ghani, Raja Sikander Khan, Raheel Ashfaq, Jonny Dale, Tawfiq Abdin.

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, Dr Khalid Zaheer from Lahore, Pakistan.

2. Apologies

Jenny Taylor, Stephanie Rybak, Praveen Liyanage, Anne Bowker, Tony King, Daniel Sullivan, M Nawaz, Hamid Shah, Barbara Lambert.

3. Minutes of the meeting 4th July 2018

The Minutes of the meeting 4th July were approved as a true record.

4. Current Issues (with local implications)

None were raised at the meeting.

5. Think Tank Update

Laurence Smy advised members that the next Think Tank meeting will be held on 20th September and that he will be making contact with the schools with a view to arranging joint presentations to pupils with an Imam and a Priest.

6. Guest Speaker

The Chairman welcomed the guest speaker Dr Khalid Zaheer who spoke on the topic "Playing God: How and why has a moderate and peaceful religion of Islam come to be associated with extremism and violence?" This thought provoking presentation was followed by a vigorous discussion and debate on this very difficult issue. *This presentation is available to be viewed on Youtube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H6xaBE16uPI>*

7. Vote of thanks

Laurence Smy gave an appreciating vote of thanks to Dr Khalid Zaheer.

8. Date of next meeting

25th October 2018