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Tuesday 17th April 2018

Minutes

Present: Chauhdry M Shafique (Chair), Hugh Ellis (Vice-Chair), Helen Byrne, Christian Puritz, G Rabbani Shah, Jennifer Taylor, David Snoxell, Simon Crisp, Tawfiq Abdin, Mohammed Riaz, Mohammed Azad, Michael, Evans & Clare Allsop (SAFE), Daniel Sullivan, Riasat Hussain, John Richey, Sheikh Ramzy, Mohammed Latif Raja, Hamid Shah

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.

2. Apologies

Rebecca Reid, Laurence Smy, Mark Macaulay, Prav Liyanage, Stephanie Rybak, Rana Sarfaz, Anne Bowker, Riaz Ahmed, Anouar Kassim, Imam Sultan, Zafar Iqbal, Sajid Ali, Mazhar Shah.

3. Minutes of the meeting 21st February 2018

No formal minutes were reported but slides from a presentation to the meeting by Mohammed Amin was circulated with the agenda.

4. Current Issues

Shafique referenced the 'Punish a Muslim Day' letter which had emanated from Sheffield and subsequently circulated widely on Social Media. Community representatives said that this had caused anxiety within the Muslim community in High Wycombe in tandem with the rest of the country. It was noted that the civil society leaders and people in government and other official organisations such as the police and local authority had responded supportively to reassure the Muslim Community. The CCMR also issue a supportive statement via Revd Hugh Ellis.

The CCMR were delighted that they were joined in the meeting by Michael Evans and Clare Allsop from SAFE. Michael briefly addressed the meeting to explain the role of the SAFE organisation in supporting families affected from extremism and his experience as brother of Thomas Evans from Wooburn Green who was converted to Islam, radicalized and then joined Al-Shabab in Somalia and eventually was killed in Kenya.

5. Guest speaker

The Chairman welcomed the guest speaker Labib Madanat who spoke on the topic 'Christian-Muslim initiatives in the Middle East: a personal journey'. This was followed by a question and answer session.

6. Vote of thanks

The Reverend Hugh Ellis, vice-chair of the CCMR gave an appreciating vote of thanks to Labib Madanat.

7. Date of next meeting

11th May 2018 - our guest speaker will be The Rt Hon Dominic Grieve QC MP, former Attorney General. He will be speaking on British Foreign Policy and Radicalisation.