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There will be a branch meeting of the Paddington branch of the IBRG
on Thursday 1st March at 8.30pm at
Our Lady of Lourdes Church Hall, Harrow Road, W9

AGENDA

1. Minutes

2 Matters Arising

3 Correspondence

4. Reports

5. AGM

6. AOB

Minutes of a meeting of the Paddington branch of the IBRG held at Our Lady of Lourdes Church Hall, Harrow Road on Thursday 16th February 1984 at 8.30pm.

Present: Elizabeth, Mary, Mrs Marley, Mike and Cass

Apologies: Tom Casey and Michael Mahoney

Matters Arising

Elizabeth reported that, as a result of a visit to a local newsagent by members of the Paddington branch, racist, anti-Irish material was withdrawn from sale. It was pointed out, however, that similar material is still being sold at other shops in the area. Cass agreed to write a draft letter to the publishers of the material and also to find out what other branches responses were.

Correspondence

With regard to an article published in the Irish Press, extracts of which had originally been published in the Daily Telegraph, it was agreed to write to the NEC lodging a complaint, as a member of the IBRG had been implicated in some statements which were anti Irish. Haringey branch had passed us a copy of a letter they have written to the NEC. We look forward

Reports

- a Mary gave a report on the IBRG conference on Education which had been held in Leicester on 11th February. She gave an account of the structure of the day - speakers etc and the discussion which was in concerned with Irish studies in the multi-cultural context. At the plenary session at the end of the day, the conference organiser Nessian Danagher (IBRG Nat. Education Officer) agreed to circulate copies of any ideas/information arising out of the day about what can be done in the future.

b Education

Mary agreed to find out who the GLC councillor is who sits on the ILEA Education Sub Comm-ttee in our area, and to write to him saying we want to know what is being done under ILEA's new policy to include Irish people, and lodging a complaint about the treatment of the Irish in their document 'Race, Sex and Class', which we consider to be racist. The IBRG branch in Islington have already become involved in a similar initiative.

It was agreed also to mention the above in our letter to local primary and secondary schools.

5. Mary reported that she had received from Judy Peddle a letter stating that the deadline for NEC nominations is 1st March and the deadline for motions to the AGM was February. However, the letter arrived after the February deadline. The Annual General Conference of the IBRG will be on the weekend of 24-25th March 1984, and each branch can send two delegates and up to 10 observers. It was decided that Elizabeth, Mary and Cass at least would go, and we would decide later who would be delegates.

We discussed nominations for the NEC, and agreed to nominate Nesson Danagher for the post of National Education Officer, considering what a grand job he had made of organising the Leicester conference. We had no other information as to who the other branches in London were nominating.

6. AOB

There was a brief discussion about a Haringey proposal to set up a National Advisory Board as a watchdog in the IBRG. It was agreed that a congress structure would be a good idea because it would then be able to tackle questions like changes to the constitution.

The meeting ended at approx 10.00pm

Next Meeting on Thursday 1st March, 1984, same time, same place.