

IBRG ****PADDINGTON*****

There will be a branch meeting of the Paddington IBRG on Thursday
16th February, 1984 at 8.30pm.

Our Lady of Lourdes Church Hall, Harrow Road, W9

AGENDA

1. Minutes
2. Matters Arising
3. Correspondence
4. Reports: Aer Lingus Meeting
 IBRG Leicester conference on education
 GLC callback meeting of all Irish Organisations in London
5. Local schools initiative.
6. A.O B.

Minutes of a meeting of the Paddington Branch of the IBRG held at Our Lady of Lourdes church hall, Harrow Road on Thursday, 2nd February 1984 at 8.30pm

Present: Joan, Mike, Cass.
Apologies: Michael, John, Tom, Mary.

Minutes of 15th December, 1983 agreed.

Reports: Joan reported on the meeting with Aer Lingus of 25th January which was attended by delegates from other branches also. The high cost of fares was the focal point of discussion. Aer Lingus claimed that it was through no fault of theirs as handling charges were higher in Dublin Airport than anywhere else and the Govt levies were high. He said we should be taking up the question with the Irish Govt. He was asked further questions about the numbers of Apex seats available in the peak season but could not produce figures. Aer Lingus admitted the Dublin run was profitable but were not really prepared to discuss any changes. The delegates from the branches who attended will be meeting again soon to consider what next.

London Regional Council

Discussion was held about recent events in the LRC and the responses of branches such as Islington, Lambeth, Southwark and Haringey. Mike moved that the Paddington branch withdraws from the LRC and relates directly with the NEC. The branch Secretary was instructed to inform all branch members of this. Seconded by Joan.

Education

The draft letter written by Mary and aimed at local schools was agreed in principle pending any changes that may be made to it. Joan agreed to compile a list of local Catholic schools in time for the next meeting and Cass to find out list of ILEA schools.

Anti-Irish material

With regards the local shop stocking anti-Irish material, it was agreed that Cass drafts a letter to the owner detailing our feeling on this. Mike suggested writing to the local Asian press. Anti-Irish statements in the Guardian and Mirror reported. Agreed to give to Elizabeth for the file.

PTA Campaign

It was reported to the meeting that the National Council for Civil Liberties (NCCL) are to appoint a full time worker to look into the effects of the PTA on the Irish community. Agreed to find out what steps other sympathetic branches have made on this question and to liaise with them on possible joint activities.

Cass Breen

Next Meeting: THURSDAY 16TH FEBRUARY at 8.30PM
Our Lady of Lourdes Church Hall, Harrow Road, W.9.

*****CAN ALL MEMBERS PLEASE ATTEND*****