

IBRG ***** PADDINGTON *****

There will be a meeting of the Paddington Branch of the IBRG on
Thursday, 14th April 1984 at the 510 Centre, 510 Harrow Road, London W9

AGENDA

1. MINUTES
2. MATTERS ARISING
3. CORRESPONDENCE
4. REPORTS: ANNUAL GENERAL CONFERENCE
MEETING WITH FR. LEONARD
ANTI PAID-PERJURERS CAMPAIGN
5. 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 15th March 1984 at 8.30pm.

Present: Tom, Mary, Mike, Elizabeth, Michael and Cass
Apologies: Joan

Minutes of the meeting of 1st March 1984 agreed.

Matters Arising

Mary had a card from Ken Livingstone acknowledging our letter to him. We are still awaiting a reply.
Cass to get ring binder for correspondence. Also sent off four memberships to Pat Brown (NAt M/ship sec) with S.A.E. asking for cards. Tom wants to know what's happened to his membership card.
Lambeth Welfare Group - report to be given at meeting of 12th April.
Cass reported muddle over Commissions meeting due to bad organisation of GLC Liaison Officer. Agreed to write to Steve Brennan asking when/where next meeting is enclosing a copy to K. Livingstone as our GLC representative.
Cass reported back on the Anti Paid Perjurers meeting. Agreed Tom drafts a letter for consideration at next meeting which can be sent off to local councillors in all parties. Cass to attend Anti Paid Perjurers meetings as delegate from Paddington branch of IBRG.

Correspondence

The 2nd IBRG national newsletter was received by Secretary
We had a letter from Lambeth IBRG outlining opposition from the Northern authorities on the Irish language school in West Belfast. They are asking for donations and for letter to be written to MP's and MEP's saying there ought to be grant aid from the DES in Co Down for the project.
The NEC have sent minutes of the IBRG Prisoners sub-committee. To be referred to next meeting for action.

Fundraising

Agreed we need money for the branch and to speak to Fr. Leonard about possible dates after Easter for a fund-raising dance.
Michael to speak to Maurice O'Connell of the Marion Club about amateur musicians.
Mary to get in touch with Lambeth branch for advice on how they organise their socials.

Publicity

It was agreed that we needed better publicity for the branch in order to attract new members. Cass agreed to produce an A3 artwork for a poster/handout. Tom would then be able to produce it as he has the machines available. The publicity will include dates (2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month), times and venues of meetings as well as a brief description of the aims of the IBRG and what work the branch is involved in.
Mary to write to the Irish Post with new meeting arrangements.

New Officers for the Branch

Mary has stepped down as temporary Chair and Elizabeth was elected new Chair.

Annual Meeting of the IBRG in Manchester

It was agreed that Elizabeth and Cass would be delegates from Paddington and Mary would be an observer. Cass to find out about coach arrangements

and let Elizabeth know. The meeting noted that we had not received the conference agenda or the resolutions and nominations for positions. We did however receive notice about a motion designed to expel certain members of the IBRG. The meeting was divided on whether we should support such a motion and in the end decided it would not really be the best manner to deal with problems in the organisation. Agreed, in the absence of any information on the conference, to leave decisions at conference to the delegates. Tom proposed this and Mary seconded it. There was a brief discussion on the importance of getting a proper constitution adopted at the National Conference which would help in sorting out future problems for the IBRG.

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~~Tom~~ will be keeping us informed on developments for a local GLC funded Anti-Racist Festival. He said that local groups would be lobbying the GLC to get it off the ground and we will be investigating how we can organise an Irish contribution to the festival. Tom to report any developments at next meeting.

Mary reported that the Poster and Film Collective would be attending our next meeting at about 10.00pm to talk to us about local anti-Irish racism, as they are making a short film. Elizabeth to bring the cuttings file.

Agreed that if we did not receive a reply from our letter to Steve Brennan about the London Regional Council, that we would send it to him again with a covering letter and tell him we are sending a copy to Ken Livingstone.

The meeting closed at 10.35pm.

NEXT MEETING: 12th APRIL, 1984

C. Brennan - secretary.