**MINUTES OF:** **Amnesty international Mid-Warwickshire** **DATE:** 3 Oct 2019

**PRESENT:** Chris Begg**,** John Payton, Annie Curran, Jane Sault (chair), Marta Pittarello, Sonia Chery, Simon Lieberman, Jo Hobbs, Denise Fowler, Chrissie Priestley, Felicity Smith,

**APOLOGIES:** Fiona Clayton, Irene Assing , Hilary Holland, Roger Frost, Gill Figrerio, Maureen Hirsch

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| **Agenda item** | **Discussion Points** | **Action / Assigned** |
| **1. Previous minutes** | **Climate Change**: We discussed Amnesty’s role in Climate Change campaigning in light of Sutton Coldfield Group putting the resolution back in about Amnesty concentrating on AI’s elements e.g. anti-torture / death penalty etc.  At the AGM last year the group abstained as we were split on this. We still have differing views on this and will wait to decide which way the group votes. At last year’s AIUK AGM there was c.25% in favour of the motion.  Simon to say to Sutton Coldfield Group we do not have a view on this but will look at again if it comes back to the AIUK AGM.  **Writes for Rights**: Jane will order the material and distribute. Denise has ordered for the letter writing evening.  **Philippines**: Simon will redo the Senator Leila de Lima rota as some people can’t do it. Simon to ask Huw the country coordinator if he will talk to the group. | **Simon**  **Jane**  **Simon** |
| **2. Past events and future events** | **Letter Writing Evening.** 6 people attended and 36 letters were written and sent.  Kenilworth stall on Saturday 28 September was cancelled.  Rebecca Van Nguyen from Amnesty will talk to the group about Israel and the Occupied Territories at the 2 April meeting. |  |
| **3. Treasurer’s Report** | Nothing further to report from £613 reported in Sept. |  |
| **4. Talk on Kashmir** | Sonia gave a very interesting talk on the human rights situation in Kashmir in India. The presentation is attached. |  |
| **5. Any other business** | Annie went to the human rights education conference in September run by the AIUK education team and reported back to the group.  Annie and Chrissie are now trained to provide human rights education sessions in schools. Southam School will be holding a human rights week in December. More details to be provided.  The AIUK AGM / Conference is moving from April to June from next year. No definite date yet.  Please send photos and info for events etc. for the website to Sonia as and when they arise.  Denise will talk on modern slavery at Dec meeting and John on schools talks at Nov meetings.  We agreed to buy a projector.  We did monthly actions on the Philippines and Iran. | **All** |
| **6. Next meeting** | **Thursday 7 November at 7.30pm** | **Warwick Space, 71 Coten End, Warwick CV34 4NU** |

**Forthcoming dates**

**Letter-writing Evening Monday 18 November from 7.30 - 9.00 pm at Oken Tea Rooms, Castle Street, Warwick**

**Group Meeting Thursday 7 November at 7.30 pm at Warwick Space**

**Oriflamme concert Saturday 18 January 2020 at 7.30 pm at St. Mary’s church, Warwick (includes Mozart, Boieldieu and Mehul)**

**Write for Rights Stalls To be confirmed**