



AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

Bromley & Orpington Group



20th Annual General Meeting

March 8th 2016

Present: Neville White, Vivien Glanz, David Howkins, Waltraut Gilchrist, Patsy Paine, Ted Burke, Wendy Simmons, Margaret Coppard, Peter Martin, Claire Ellis, Patrick McDonnell, Rindi Bakker and Karl Ahlborn.

Apologies: Joan Williams, Shirley Henderson, Gladys Edmonds, Vivienne Andrews and Eleanor Ivens.

1. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chairman:	Neville White	nominated by Patsy Paine seconded by Waltraut Gilchrist
Secretary:	Vivien Glanz	nominated by Gladys Edmonds seconded by Margaret Coppard
Treasurer:	David Howkins	nominated by Wendy Simmons seconded by Ted Burke

No other nominations were received; the above named were elected unanimously.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 2015 AND BUDGET FOR 2016

David circulated copies of his financial report for the 2015 calendar year, together with his budget proposals for 2016. The report of the Independent Examiner, Karl Ahlborn, confirmed that the Income and Expenditure account and Statement of Assets were in accordance with the Group's accounting records. The Financial Statement showed total income for the year of £2,794, cash held at 1st January 2015 of £702, donations to Amnesty of £2,450 (including £72 affiliation fee), Group expenditure of £513 and cash held at the year-end of £533. Donations were well ahead of budget, and events significantly below; donations had held up strongly. Group operational costs had risen to 18% of income owing to a one-off item. Room hire is the single biggest cost at 8% of income.

Copies of the Financial Statements are available from David. The Group's assets include archive, screens, Amnesty candle, upright banner and other banners. No Christmas cards are currently held as assets.

The budget for 2016 projects total income of £2,240, expenditure of £452, and donations to Amnesty of £1,788; the fall in income is due to fewer planned events, which are budgeted at £1,660 for 2016 and donations of £600. The Group unanimously approved the budget. Thanks were expressed to David for his prudent accounting of our affairs.

3. APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

The Officers proposed the re-appointment of Karl Ahlborn as the Group's Independent Examiner, which was approved by the Group. Karl was thanked for his work in independently examining the Group's accounts.

4. VOTE OF THANKS

The Group's thanks were expressed to Frances Darling for administering the monthly e-mailing.

N E WHITE, Chair