



Aylesbury Amnesty International Group

Monthly Group Meeting, 25th March 2015, 7.30pm

Friends Meeting House, 9 Rickfords Hill, Aylesbury, HP20 2RT

Present:

Carol Tarrant
Bob Corn
David Barnard
Katherine Danflous

Henry Mayer-Gross
Annelies Varsey
Sallyann Thilthorpe

Apologies: Bronwen Lee, Gwyn Jenkins, Frances Booth, Jim Edwards – Bob apologised for not having sent 'hard copy' of the minutes to Henry and Gwyn!

Carol welcomed everyone to the meeting!

1.0 Previous Minutes – Agreed – Carol leading a discussion flagged up at the last meeting as to the viability of our group – all to consider for decisions at our own April AGM. Bob to send the 'Pledge Cards' to David for his discussions with his Prospective Parliamentary Candidates in the forthcoming General Election.

2.0 Urgent Actions and Post:

- 2.1 Sallyann will continue a correspondence with Chelsea Manning, after we having received a response from her, to our letter of support.
- 2.2 Urgent Action letters were tabled in support of folk imprisoned, suspected of being tortured, or under death sentence, in Thailand, United Arab Emirates, and Belarus – these were signed by everyone present – Bob to post.

3.0 AIUK National Conference and AGM:

- 3.1 Noting that Carol and Bob will be attending the AIUK National Conference and AGM on 18th/19th April 2015 at Warwick University, at which Carol is deputed to register our Group's voting intentions, Bob tabled a matrix to indicate the Resolutions which were to be considered at the Conference and AGM, as displayed on the AIUK Website, and contained in the AGM Papers Document..
- 3.2 After discussion around each Resolution, the Group instructed Carol to vote on their behalf as indicated on the attached matrix. .

4.0 Any Other Business: David suggested that we show the film 'Persepolis' at our May meeting – the meeting agreed that we do this, and pursue a 'relaxed' style of meeting in the future with activities such as film showings, allowing time for Urgent Actions. More discussion around this approach at the next meeting, which will be our own AGM.

5.0 NEXT MEETING: 29th April 2015 at 7.30pm, Friends Meeting House, 9 Rickfords Hill, Aylesbury, HP20 2RT

Bob Corn, Minutes Secretary,
26th March 2015

Aylesbury Amnesty International Group - UK AGM Resolution Debate – 25th March 2015			
(AIUK AGM Resolution Debate Outcome will be 19th April 2015)			
	Approved	Rejected	Comment
	✓	✓	✓
RESOLUTION:			
1 Financial Statements 2014			No Comment
2 Appointment of Auditors			No Comment
Working Party A:			
A1S Move provisions of Memorandum into Articles of Association	✓		
A2S To address the use of Gendered Terminology			Abstain
A3S To update References to Legislation	✓		
A4S To clarify decision making process for removing a Director	✓		
A5S To facilitate decisions being made outside of Board Meetings	✓		
A6S Nomination Committee co-option	✓		
A7S Terminology	✓		
A8 Constitution and Standing Order Review	✓		
Working Part B:			
B1 AI's Strategic Goals	✓		Subject to easily accessible language
B2 Strategic Goals 2016-2019 (Trade Union Rights)	✓		
B3 Amnesty International's stance on Abortion Pro-Choice		✓	Contained within My Body My Rights Campaign
B4 Addressing Impunity in Guatamala	✓		
B5 Violations of the rights of Columbian Activists	✓		
Working Party C:			
C1 The United Kingdom – Rendition and Torture	✓		
C2 Asylum Detention in the UK	✓		
C3 Anti-Semitism in the UK		✓	Too specific in focus
C4 Research – wrongful detention of torture/trafficking victims	✓		
S – Special Resolution (Requires 75% majority to Pass)			