



Aylesbury Amnesty International Group

Monthly Group Meeting, 29th April 2015, 7.30pm

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

Present:

Carol Tarrant
Bob Corn
David Barnard
Katherine Danflous

Annelies Varsey
Sallyann Thilthorpe
Frances Booth
Henry Mayer-Gross

Apologies: Bronwen Lee, Gwyn Jenkins, Jim Edwards

Carol welcomed everyone to the meeting!

1.0 Previous Minutes – Agreed

2.0 Urgent Actions and Post:

- 2.1 Sallyann tabled a letter to Chelsea Manning, in response to her letter to ourselves – all signed, Sallyann will post.
- 2.2 Katherine tabled Urgent Action letters in support of Yevgeni Vitishko, and of Elena Kilmova with the Children 404 Group, all of the Russian Federation – these were signed by everyone present – Bob to post.

3.0 AIUK National Conference and AGM:

- 3.1 Carol gave a verbal report of this event which she and Bob had attended at Warwick University – with photographs and reports of the Actions, Workshops and Resolution Debates, which had been lively and fulsome, as always!
- 3.2 Resolution Outcomes were as attached.
- 3.3 A clip of video to show the Stop Torture campaign was shown – not the one shown at the AGM, but another introduced by the AI Secretary General.

4.0 TAPOL/Amnesty Demo:

Carol gave a report with photographs on the demonstration which had taken place at the Indonesian Embassy earlier in the day – as one of 22 global demonstrations in support of 'Open Papua', giving support to the request for free access to journalists into West Papua to allow some measure of Freedom of Expression – there had also been some reflection on the eight Death by Firing Squad Executions which had taken place in Indonesia on the previous evening, despite world-wide appeals for clemency, and despite appeals still being considered for two of the victims by the legal process in Indonesia.

5.0 Aylesbury Group AGM:

- 5.1 Carol gave a brief verbal report – she will circulate a written report later.
- 5.2 Jim Edwards had sent in a Treasurer's Report – as attached – which noted cash in hand of £1,743.88p; Bob proposed acceptance of the report, Henry seconded – accepted by the Group.
- 5.3 Sallyann suggested that funds be set aside for sending delegates to the next National Conference and AGM (which is to be held in Nottingham in 2016) – everyone thought this a good plan, noting that to attend the National event one needs to be a National Member – to be considered at a later meeting.
- 5.4 David mentioned that signatories to the Bank Account need to be updated – one of the previous signatories (Jim Cobley) having moved to Manchester, and another (Lynne May) not now being an attender at our meetings – also, we had discussed moving our account from Lloyds to the Cooperative Bank; Bob will discuss with Jim Edwards just as soon as he is able.
- 5.5 Bob reported that Jim Edwards has asked for annual subscriptions to be paid as soon as possible – Jim and Bronwen had paid, but no one else as yet; please could everyone make an effort to pay at the next meeting in May?

5.6 Election of Officers:

Given that we had opted to take a 'softer' approach to our activism work than hitherto (our meetings becoming more of an informative discussion, or perhaps a film shown, etc.), then Carol and Bob can share the Chair's role – also allowing for an individual member to take an evening's meeting on a particular theme – Sallyann offering to take urgent actions for Syria; everyone agreed.

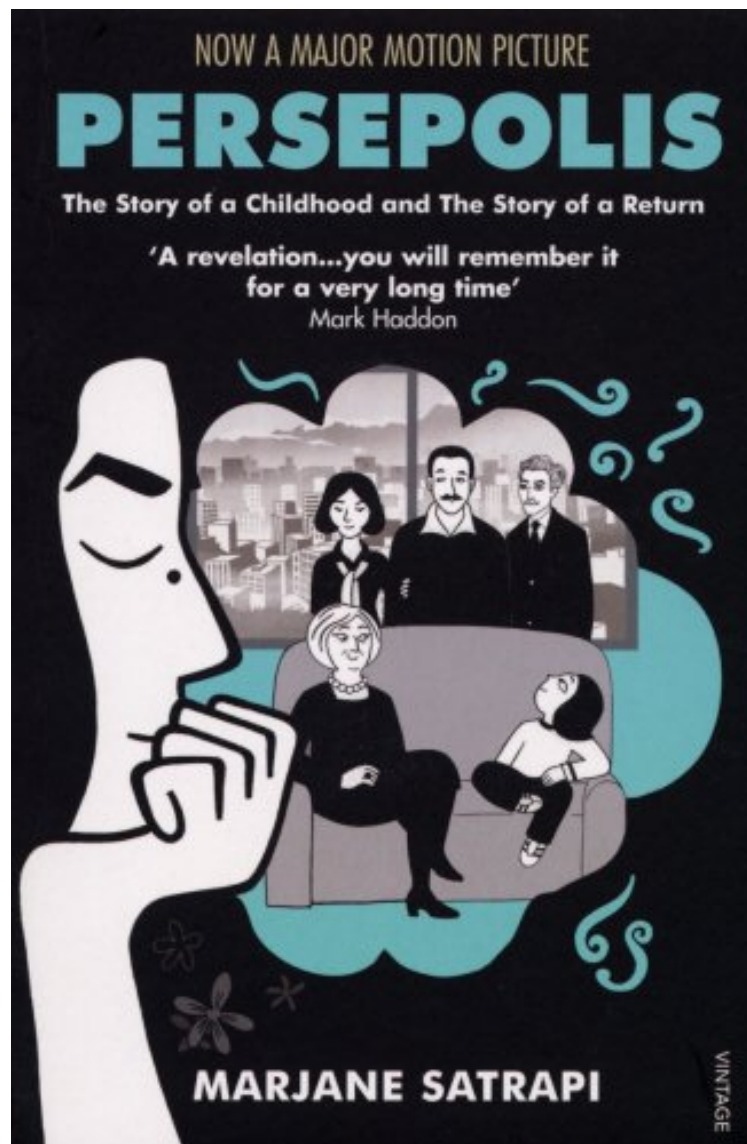
Bob will continue in the role of Secretary and Media Secretary – Jim Edwards had previously offered to carry on in the role of Treasurer 'in absentia' if no-one else would take the role – this so to continue.

Everyone to offer suggestions for future meetings – noting that we had previously agreed to show the film 'Persepolis' - a 2007 French-Iranian-American animated film based on Marjane Satrapi's autobiographical graphic novel of the same name - at the May meeting.

6.0 **Any Other Business:** There was no other business.

7.0 **NEXT MEETING:** 27th May 2015 at 7.30pm, Friends Meeting House, 9 Rickfords Hill, Aylesbury, HP20 2RT

Bob Corn, Minutes Secretary,
2nd May 2015



Aylesbury Amnesty International Group:			
AIUK AGM Resolution Debate Outcome: 19th April 2015			
	Approved	Rejected	Comment
	✓	✓	✓
RESOLUTION:			
1 Financial Statements 2014	✓		
2 Appointment of Auditors	✓		
Working Party A:			
A1S Move provisions of Memorandum into Articles of Association	✓		Card Vote
A2S To address the use of Gendered Terminology	✓		Card Vote
A3S To update References to Legislation	✓		Card Vote
A4S To clarify decision making process for removing a Director	✓		Card Vote
A5S To facilitate decisions being made outside of Board Meetings	✓		Card Vote
A6S Nomination Committee co-option	✓		Card Vote
A7S Terminology	✓		Card Vote
A8 Constitution and Standing Order Review	✓		
Working Part B:			
B1 AI's Strategic Goals	✓		
B2 Strategic Goals 2016-2019 (Trade Union Rights)	✓		
B3 Amnesty International's stance on Abortion Pro-Choice	✓		
B4 Addressing Impunity in Guatemala	✓		
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		✓	Card Vote – 468 against, 462 for
C4 Research – wrongful detention of torture/trafficking victims	✓		
S – Special Resolution (Requires 75% majority to Pass – Card Votes required as the resolutions were matters of governance.			

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Accrual Basis

Amnesty International Aylesbury Group
Profit & Loss
April 2014 through March 2015

	Apr '14 - Mar 15
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Gifts and Donations Income	
Unrestricted	332.25
Total Gifts and Donations Income	332.25
Membership Dues	90.00
Total Income	422.25
Expense	
Dues and Subscriptions	72.00
Licenses and Permits	216.00
Postage and Delivery	76.70
Telephone	
Email and domain	24.00
Total Telephone	24.00
Total Expense	388.70
Net Ordinary Income	33.55
Profit for the Year	<u>33.55</u>

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Accrual Basis

Amnesty International Aylesbury Group
UK Balance Sheet - Standard
As of 31 March 2015

	31 Mar 15
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Cash at bank and in hand	
Current	1,918.87
petty Cash	-174.99
Total Cash at bank and in hand	1,743.88
Total Current Assets	1,743.88
NET CURRENT ASSETS	1,743.88
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	1,743.88
NET ASSETS	<u>1,743.88</u>
Capital and Reserves	
Opening Bal Equity	1,262.17
Retained Earnings	448.16
Profit for the Year	33.55
Shareholder funds	<u>1,743.88</u>

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Accrual Basis

Amnesty International Aylesbury Group
Profit & Loss
April 2012 through March 2015

	Apr '12 - Mar 13	Apr '13 - Mar 14	Apr '14 - Mar 15	TOTAL
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
Gifts and Donations Income				
Restricted	50.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
Unrestricted	118.95	201.57	332.25	652.77
Total Gifts and Donations In...	168.95	201.57	332.25	702.77
Membership Dues	80.00	90.00	90.00	260.00
Total Income	248.95	291.57	422.25	962.77
Expense				
Dues and Subscriptions	0.00	72.00	72.00	144.00
Licenses and Permits	0.00	252.00	216.00	468.00
Postage and Delivery	41.20	41.40	76.70	159.30
Printing and Reproduction	24.95	0.00	0.00	24.95
Subscriptions	144.00	0.00	0.00	144.00
Supplies				
Catering	53.97	0.00	0.00	53.97
Total Supplies	53.97	0.00	0.00	53.97
Telephone				
Email and domain	0.00	0.00	24.00	24.00
Total Telephone	0.00	0.00	24.00	24.00
Total Expense	264.12	365.40	388.70	1,018.22
Net Ordinary Income	-15.17	-73.83	33.55	-55.45
Profit for the Year	<u>-15.17</u>	<u>-73.83</u>	<u>33.55</u>	<u>-55.45</u>