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CAMPAIGN AGAINST CENSORSHIP

NATIONAL COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at 6.45, Friday, 23rd June 2006 at Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, London WC1.

Present: Nigel Meek (Acting chair), Basil Stein, Mark Taha, Mary Hayward.

1. Ted Goodman was unable to attend because of a family crisis.
2. The Minutes of the August 2005 meeting were signed as correct.
3. Matters Arising
 - i. Brian Haw was still there.
 - ii. The membership database had been updated.
 - iii. Sadly, Chris Tame had died, a great loss to the libertarian movement. Tim Evans and Sean Gabb would continue the Libertarian Alliance.
4. Balances:
 - i) HSBC - £383.18p
 - ii) Alliance & Leicester - £193.69p
 - iii) Abbey - £4720.12pSubscriptions and donations received from mailshot - £185
5. Chairman's Report - held over because of Mr. Goodman's absence.
6. Members' Reports
 - i. Basil Stein - nothing not covered elsewhere.
 - ii. Mark Taha - continues to collect and distribute press cuttings. His letter opposing the new Licensing Act was published in West End Extra on 26th May.
 - iii. Nigel Meek - the CAC submission to the Consultation on Possession of Extreme Pornography had been sent. The Backlash group were very active co-ordinating opposition. He suggested that CAC should be aware of the input of evangelical Christianity to New Labour.
7. Website

Nigel Meek reported a record number of hits, some with downloads. Of those he can analyse, some are using Google, others finding CAC via the SFC, FAC, SIF, Backlash or Wikipedia. The site itself looks a bit tired - the presentation needed updating.
8. Newsletter

Nigel Meek was planning a page of small 'what we've done' items and a think piece along the lines of 'sex has been the battlefield but religion (especially Islam) is the front line now'.

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8. cont.

He said that the next issue should be mailed before the Post Office changed their pricing structure in mid-August. From then envelopes would be priced by size as well as weight and must be C5 to get the bottom rate.

Organisations on the mailing list to be sent both the first two issues.

9. Any Other Business

The Danish cartoons of Mohammed were available on the web - Nigel knows where to look.

Advertising of junk food - Mark Taha and Nigel Meek were opposed to restriction on principle. Mary Hayward said it was insulting. CAC needs a policy on advertising; a small item to be in the newsletter.

10. Date of next meeting - not fixed.