

MINUTES of a meeting at 8 Wilfred Street at 6.15 pm on 23 July 1974

Present:	Sir Keith Joseph	<u>Action</u>
	Mrs Margaret Thatcher	
	Nigel Vinson	
	Alfred Sherman	
	Martin Wassell	
	Simon Webley	
	Julian Bower	

The meeting was originally to have concentrated on output but this was deferred because of pressure to prepare KJ's speeches.

INPUT

It was agreed that Sam Brittan, Barry Bracewell-Milnes and Ben Roberts be approached to be 'Theme leaders'. SW

Joe Regaly was to be approached for his ideas on how to progress the education theme. MT suggested Professor Bantock and Stanley Hewitt (General Manager ATCDE). KJ?

AS, MW and SW should report on the appointment of a full time research assistant and of a librarian (probably after MW's arrival on August 12) AS/MW, SW

OUTPUT

The meeting considered a paper from AS on output, asked that one passage be edited and agreed that KJ/MT would consider how best to elicit the likely reactions of civil servants (Mildred Riddelthrell?) KJ/MT

Those present were asked to comment to AS on the second draft Basic Text by the end of the week. All present

It was expected that output would be flowing from Brittan and Broadway by the end of the year.

It was suggested that the basic texts of speeches by KJ/MT should be made available to back benchers (via David Mitchell). AS

MT agreed to ascertain with AS whether there was an appropriate theme on which she could make a major speech.

MT/AS

KJ would tell David Lomax that the Centre would be writing to him.

KJ

MODUS OPERANDI

A draft note of Parallel and Interacting Programmes dated 26 June was circulated to those who had not already seen it. Those present were asked to read and discuss it and identify anything they disliked. It was intended to be used as a guide.

All present

MEDIA

Messrs. Wintour and Thompson would help KJ with approaches to appropriate media executives. JB was to obtain from AS a list of appropriate media contacts. MW would ascertain who else was attempting to project the case for private enterprise.

AS/JK

MW

DISPUTATIONS

It was reported that John Mackintosh and Bernard Donaghue had agreed to participate in disputations.

OTHER BUSINESS

Bos Ferranti had asked what to say when asked which other MPs were involved with the Centre, and whether there were any formal links, eg membership of the Advisory Council. KJ did not want other MPs on the Advisory Council and it was agreed that Bos should be told that 'we have followers but don't publicise this because at this stage we wish to avoid polarisation'.

NV?

BW agreed to consider the technical implications of AS's suggestion that two charitable foundations should be set up. This was partly to forestall future legislation forbidding political contributions but also because a high proportion of

BW

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potential subscribers were expressing concern in the present industrial climate at making payments which have to be disclosed as political donations. There was also the point that political donations are non-deductible for tax purposes.

KJ would discuss with Jonathan Sumption the provision of comparative data on international social services.

KJ

MW asked to be provided with a note by each of those concerned of what they had been doing.

All
present

A final decision to proceed with the Press Opening on 28 August had not yet been made. AS asked for two weeks notice.

AS

JB: jkb ¹⁸
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