

MINUTES OF CPS MEETING ON 28th AUGUST, 1974 at 12.00 p. m.

Present: Sir Keith Joseph  
Nigel Vinson  
Adam Ridley  
Martin Wassell  
Alfred Sherman  
Simon Webley  
Julian Bower

ACTION

Item 1

The minutes of the meeting on 6th August were approved.

Item 2

JB reported on the results of Brian Worth's enquiries into charitable status for CPS's research work. It was agreed that NV would set in motion the procedures necessary for acquiring charitable status after the embargo on subscriptions ends.

NV

Item 3

NV confirmed that the lease for 8, Wilfred Street, giving possession until 30 September 1980, had been completed and that the documentation had been placed in the bank.

Item 4

The meeting agreed to authorise MW to sign cheques to the value of £50.00.

Item 5

It was decided to defer to the next meeting a discussion of the arrangements for "Opening Day" now to be held in November.

ACTIONItems 6 and 7

KJ reported on the staff position in view of the imminent departure of both Anthony Seldon and Jonathan Sumption. It was agreed that two or three full-time assistants should be recruited, one of whom would be paid for by the Rowntree Trust (as replacement for JS) working half-time to KJ and half-time to the Centre. NV and MW were authorised to proceed with advertisement and recruitment.

NV, MW

Item 8

The meeting discussed MW's paper on input. It was agreed that expert groups would be set up as a priority on the following four theme policy areas:-

- 1) Employment - Attitudes and Policies
- 2) Ownership and Wealth - Creation and Dispersal
- 3) Government and the Public Sector Industries
- 4) Government and Private Industry

A fifth theme - Education and the Social Services - was identified, but left for consideration at a subsequent stage in view of the amount of study already agreed to.

KJ said he would arrange four dinners in the near future to which potential members of the four expert groups would be invited; hopefully, a chairman would "emerge" from each dinner. KJ and SW would identify the types of person wanted for the membership of each group and would then circulate the types within CPS for suggestions as to bodies. Suggested names would be returned to KJ via MW by an early date to be specified by KJ. KJ would then send out the invitations to the dinners.

KJ

KJ, SW

All

KJ

Item 9

KJ introduced paper 2 on CPS's public impact. The meeting agreed we should aim to make early progress on the following fronts.

- 1) Speeches by KJ and MT.
- 2) Provision of protagonists to the media.

KJ and MW should contact media representatives in near future to tell them we will soon have trained troops at our disposal. KJ and MW are to prepare lists of protagonists for Peter Utley and AS to train. The activities of the protagonists must then be monitored.

KJ, MW

KJ, MW

ACTION

- 3) Articles and letters for newspapers - primarily AS to draft for KJ and MT.
- 4) KJ would ponder the idea of offering himself to the media as a protagonist in a public disputation. Meanwhile, immediately after the general election, CPS would arrange a private disputation as a "dummy run".
- 5) University debates. KJ undertook to let Central Office know CPS will soon be in a position to provide speakers.

The meeting agreed that CPS needed a "biblical text" stating our beliefs. KJ, MT  
 KJ offered to draft a credo with help of MT and David Lomax which AS  
 AS would edit.

Item 10

KJ reported on fund raising to date and mentioned the standstill pending the general election.

Item 11

## Any Other Business

- 1) KJ would proceed with setting up Advisory Council. He had already decided to invite Peter Bauer, Sam Brittan, Harold Rose and Jack Wiseman from academia; it was agreed that Alan Walters should be added. From industry Ray Brookes, Ronnie Edwards, Brian Kellet, George Burton and Marcus Sieff were to be invited; Frank McFadzean was unlikely to accept an invitation but Harold Watkinson would be a good alternative. KJ was anxious that Paul Chambers and Alex Spearman should be added to the list and we also had to bear in mind the names of large subscribers. KJ agreed to approach Lord Cromer for City names. KJ
- 2) JB undertook to ask CPS's solicitors to submit a bill for their work on CPS's formation. JB
- 3) The suggestion was put forward - and accepted - that CPS might offer to commission industry/government studies for a number of industries along the lines of the CIA study for the chemical industry. KJ agreed to ask Frank Jones along to CPS to discuss the idea with him. KJ
- 4) It was agreed that the next meeting would be held in mid- or late - October at a date to be arranged. MW