

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT THE HOUSE OF COMMONS
ON MONDAY, 20th MAY, 1974 at 3.00 p.m.

Present: Sir Keith Joseph, M.P.
 Mr. N. Vinson
 Mr. A. Sherman
 Mr. S. Webbley
 Mr. J. Bower

1. The Centre and its Staff

ACTION
 NV

NV would proceed with the acquisition and refurbishing of the Wilfred Street lease. * Nathan Oppenheimer expected to produce the draft Memorandum and Articles of Association on 21st May and to obtain answers on the name by the end of the week. If name agreed, this should allow incorporation by 7-14 June.

Action: JB to progress. AS to draft a press notice and consider further the line to take with the Press.

JB
 AS

2. Main Themes

The meeting examined priorities.

The MP's study group appear to be opting for items 5, 8 and 11 of their list. Of these, 11 (Intervention, etc), was not discussed at the meeting, KJ believing it too major a subject to tackle at this stage.

Action: KJ to contact Tom Boardman about his letter. JB was hoping to complete seeing MP's concerned by 31st May.

KJ
 JB

KJ raised as priorities:

- (a) Comparative figures UK/abroad of disposable income, capital invested per man, etc.
- (b) The connection between profits, investment, savings, etc. ("The Sextet").

It was felt that a further priority was:

- (c) Unemployment

Action: SW to produce draft heads for discussion on these three themes: to read the IPG paper on Profits, savings, etc., and to contact Mr. Thompson of ORC about their work on the ~~rate~~ of profit.

SW

KJ to contact BAT and Unilever for access to their expertise on (a).

KJ

SW/JB to consider composition of Panel/Panels to convert themes into specific questions.

SW/JB

JB to arrange a venue (beer to be agreed with AS)

JB

Other themes discussed included:

- (d) Preparation for work (schools, apprenticeships, etc)
- (e) Savings

Action: KJ to air (d) above at a forthcoming dinner of Personnel directors

KJ

3.

KJ's speeches

ACTION

KJ may wish to make 3 speeches during the summer. He will liaise further with AS as the next stage in their preparation

KJ/AS

4.

Fund raising

This would be further considered at a meeting of KJ, NV, Basil de Ferranti and JB

KJ?

5.

Date of next meeting

The next meeting would be in the same room at 4.45 p.m. on Thursday, 30th May.

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