

THE NATIONAL UNION OF CONSERVATIVE AND UNIONIST ASSOCIATIONS

Minutes of a meeting of the National Union Executive Committee
Thursday 14th February, 1985

The Committee met at 32 Smith Square, Westminster, on Thursday 14th February under the Chairmanship of Sir Russell Sanderson, and the names of members present are recorded.

Chairman's Opening Remarks.

The Chairman extended a special welcome to Mr. Donald Maclean now nearing recovery from his injuries sustained at Brighton. He extended congratulations to those past and present members of the Committee who had received honours in the New Year's List as follows:

K.B.E.	Rt. Hon. Sir Edward du Cann M.P.
C.B.E.	Mr. Bill Morton
	Miss Angela Hooper
M.B.E.	Mr. Roger Stewart

The Chairman referred to new Members of the Committee

Mr. Cranley Onslow M.P. Chairman of the 1922 Committee, and Mr. John Heddle M.P. Chairman of the Local Government Advisory Committee who had both sent apologies, and Mr. John Lacy, C.B.E., the Director of Campaigning. He congratulated Mr. Greg Johnson on his election as Chairman of the National C.P.C. Committee.

The Chairman referred to the dinner held the previous evening with the Prime Minister and Mr. Denis Thatcher as the guests of honour, which had been attended by 123 members of the Committee and Vice Presidents. The meeting agreed that a similar event should be organised next year at the same venue, the dress to be lounge suits.

2) Apologies for Absence.

The Secretary reported apologies for absence had been received from Mr. Cranley Onslow M.P., Mr. John Heddler M.P., Mr. Jim Spicer, M.P., Sir Oulton Wade and eight other members of the Committee.

3) Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th November 1984 had been circulated, and were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

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4) Business Arising from the Minutes.

C.P.C. Representation.

The Chairman reported that the Standing Review Committee had considered the motion referred to it, and had recommended that there 'should be no change in the rules, but that Associations should be encouraged to include the C.P.C. Chairman among their representatives.' The Committee approved this recommendation.

5) Selection of Officers.

The Chairman reported that the following had been nominated unopposed.

President: Rt. Hon. Sir Humphrey Atkins K.C.M.G. M.P.
Chairman: Sir Basil Feldman

There had been a ballot among 5 nominations for the Vice Chairmanship and the following had been selected:

Mr. Patrick Lawrence, C.B.E.
Dame Joan Seccombe, D.B.E., J.P.
Sir Ian McLeod J.P.

The Chairman offered his congratulations to them and thanked Mr. David Mitchell C.B.E. and Mrs. Alma Hill C.B.E. for standing in the election.

The meeting gave formal approval for these recommendations to go to the Central Council for election.

6) The Minister for Local Government.

The Chairman introduced Rt. Hon. Kenneth Baker M.P., the Minister for Local Government, who spoke on the current problems and issues affecting Local Government and the prospects for the County Council elections May. After answering a number of questions, the Chairman thanked Mr. Baker, who then left the meeting.

7) Central Council Meeting - Newcastle Upon Tyne.

The Agenda Sub-Committee had met on Tuesday 12th February and 135 motions had been submitted. This was the highest figure for some years and he thanked especially the Chairmen and Central Office Agents for the Northern and Yorkshire Areas who had produced the majority of them. He read out the list of motions recommended and the Reply Speakers who had been invited to respond to them. He reported that the Officers had confirmed the proposal that the Saturday afternoon should be a Forum on "Jobs for the Future" with the National Union Chairman presiding.

The Secretary reported on the Security arrangements and some changes from the programme originally announced as a result. Photographic passes would be in use for all sessions at the Civic Centre.

8) Report from the General Purposes Committee.

The Chairman reported on the meeting of the General Purposes Committee the previous day and his report is annexed to these minutes. Arising from the report, the Committee approved the following recommendations from the Standing Review Committee:

a) Registration Fees should be increased as follows;

Party Conference, from £2 to £5
Central Council (1986), from £1 to £3

b) that holders of the Agents' Intermediate Certificate in charge of a constituency should be regarded as 'Certificated' for representation on the Central Council and at the Conference;

c) that unqualified Agents or Secretaries of Associations should be entitled to 'observer' status at the Central Council and Conference, if not appointed as Representatives of their Associations.

The Chairman then invited Sir Ian McLeod to give details of the Andrew Lloyd Webber Requiem Premiere in Westminster Abbey on Sunday April 21st.

9) Rule Changes.

a) C.T.U. National Committee.

A complete set of revised rules had been passed by the Committee, and these were approved unanimously.

b) Young Conservatives National Advisory Committee.

A single rule change, to make the Secretary of the newly set up Trust Fund a member of the Y.C.N.A.C., had been passed by the Y.C.N.A.C. In the absence of the Y.C. Chairman, Miss Martine Kushner explained the change. After a brief debate, the change was approved by 31 votes to 16.

10) Resolutions received from Area Constituency and other affiliated Organisations.

A list of the resolutions received, and the action taken on them had been circulated (Appendix 'B') and are annexed to these minutes. The Chairman referred to the Resolution on the enfranchisement of Britons working overseas, and said that a further letter had been received from the British Conservative Association of Switzerland which he would forward to Mr. David Mellor. The Committee approved the actions.

11) The Party Chairman.

The Chairman invited Mr. John Gummer M.P. to address the Committee. Mr. Gummer spoke of his encouragement at the reactions to the "Grass Roots Campaign" and stressed the need for this to be kept going continuously, and outlined his future plans. He answered a number of questions from members of the Committee and was thanked by the Chairman.

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12) Business for the Next Meeting.

The next meeting would be held on Thursday 25th April, and it was agreed that Rt. Hon. Norman Fowler M.P. should be invited to address it.

The Chairman said the Treasurer's Department had now completed a paper on Property, reviewing the problems confronting Associations owning property and he proposed to invite Sir Oulton Wade and Mr. Idris Pearce to speak about this at the next meeting. A video had also been produced and would be shown before the next meeting.

The meeting was closed at 4.05 p.m.



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5th February, 1985

Dear Sir/Madam,

Meeting of the Executive Committee

Further to the preliminary notice of 2nd November, 1984, I have pleasure in forwarding the Agenda overleaf and relevant documents for the meeting of the Executive Committee to be held in the Assembly Room at 32 Smith Square, Westminster on Thursday 14th February at 2.15 p.m.

I am delighted to inform you that Rt. Hon. Kenneth Baker, M.P., Minister for Local Government, has kindly agreed to speak and lead a discussion. Mr. John Selwyn Gummer, M.P., the Party Chairman, will also be speaking.

Annual Dinner, 13th February

With reference to my letter of 2nd November, tickets for the dinner were sent with ballot papers on 30th January to those who had applied.

Next Meeting

Preliminary notice is given of the meeting of the Executive Committee to be held at 32 Smith Square on Thursday 25th April 1985 at 2.15 p.m. Notice of any business for inclusion in the agenda should reach me by Wednesday 10th April.

Yours faithfully,

SECRETARY

To: Members of the Executive Committee

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Executive Committee Meeting - Thursday 14th February 1985

A G E N D A

1. Chairman's opening remarks
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the last meeting, held on 15th November 1984 (copy "A" attached)
4. Business arising from the Minutes
5. The Minister for Local Government
Rt. Hon. Kenneth Baker M.P. will speak and answer questions.
6. Officers of the National Union
To receive a report on the selection of Officers to be recommended for election at the Central Council Annual Meeting.
7. Central Council Meeting - Newcastle 22nd/23rd March 1985
To receive a report on the agenda and arrangements for this meeting.
8. Report from the General Purposes Committee
To receive a report from the Chairman on relevant matters considered at the General Purposes Committee meeting on 13th February.
9. The Chairman of the Party
Mr. John Selwyn Gummer, M.P., to speak.
10. National C.T.U. Committee Rules
To consider and approve revised rules for the Conservative Trades Unionists' National Committee.
To consider an amendment to the National Young Conservative Advisory Committee Rules.
11. Consideration of resolutions received from Area, Constituency and other organisations (copy "B" attached)
12. Business for the next meeting
13. Any other Business by leave of the Chairman