

PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIALNATIONAL UNION OF CONSERVATIVE AND UNIONIST ASSOCIATIONS.

Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on Thursday 11th July, 1985 at 32 Smith Square, Westminster, London at 2.15 p.m.

Lord Sanderson of Bowden, Chairman of the Executive Committee, took the Chair and the names of those members present are recorded.

1) Chairman's Opening Remarks.

The Chairman welcomed a number of new members of the Committee and congratulated Mark MacGregor on taking over as National Chairman of F.C.S. He congratulated present and past members of the Committee who were recognised in the Birthday Honours List.

Knighthoods	Sir Donald Maclean
	Sir Gordon Shattock
D.B.E.	Dame Joan Varley
C.B.E.	Mrs. Mary Dalgleish
	Mr. Hugh Simmonds
O.B.E.	Mrs. Joyce Bowley
	Mrs. Jane Collier
	Mrs. Yvonne Jackson
	Mrs. Mary Potts
	Mrs. Margaret Slade
	Mrs. Jennifer Taylor

The Chairman also referred to the Knighthood conferred on Brig. Sir Nick Somerville, who had been the author of the proceedings of the Parliamentary Selection Boards in which many members of the National Union had taken part.

He also reported that following the point raised at the previous meeting, 'Debrett's Correct Form' indicated that it was correct to continue to address him as 'Mr. Chairman'.

2) Apologies for Absence.

The Secretary reported 15 apologies from members whose names are recorded.

3) Minutes of the Meeting of 13th June, 1985.

The Minutes had been circulated with the notice and agenda. They were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

4) Business Arising from the Minutes.Brecon and Radnor By-Election.

Mr. Zach Brierley, Chairman of Wales Area reported on the by-election campaign, where in spite of having the best Candidate and good organisation, the Conservative Candidate had come third. There followed a discussion in which a number of members took part during which it was agreed that the new By-election Campaign Unit had worked well. The Government was suffering severe problems at this stage in its life, and the result reflected the failure of the Party to communicate its present policy direction clearly, and that to regain the seat it was essential to have a Prospective Candidate in the field as soon as possible.

5) The Chancellor of the Exchequer.

The Chairman welcomed the Rt. Hon. Nigel Lawson M.P. who addressed the meeting on the current economic situation and answered a number of questions. The Chancellor was thanked for his attendance and left the meeting.

6) Executive Committee Elections.

The result of the Ballot for three male members to serve on the General Purposes Committee was announced as follows:

Sir Gordon Shattock	69)
Mr. David Mitchell C.B.E.	57) elected
Mr. Bill Morton C.B.E.	54)
Mr. Michael Craig-Cooper C.B.E.	46
Sir Fred Hardman M.B.E.	42

The Chairman congratulated those elected and thanked Mr. Michael Craig-Cooper and Sir Fred Hardman for standing in the election.

7) Agent's Salary Scales for 1986.

A paper giving details of the proposals of the Agents Employment Advisory Committee for salary scales for 1986 was circulated at the meeting (a copy of the paper is annexed to these minutes).

In the absence of Mr. Hal Miller, M.P., (the Chairman of the Advisory Committee), Lord Sanderson presented the proposals to the meeting and after a brief discussion the proposals were approved. Mr. Tony Allen, Vice Chairman of the National Society of Agents thanked the National Union for their support for the Agents profession.

8) Property Review Committee Report.

The Report of the Property Review Committee, as amended by the General Purposes Committee was presented to the meeting by Mr. Michael Craig-Cooper and accepted unanimously. Mr. Craig-Cooper said that following this approval the Report would form the basis of a pamphlet which will be given wide circulation within the Party.

9) Co-options to the Executive Committee.

The Chairman explained that the Rules allowed for up to seven co-options to the Committee. Traditionally four of these places had been filled by two representatives from the Conservative Medical Society, and two from Society of Conservative Lawyers. The Standing Review Committee was now considering the whole question of the size and representation on the Committee and would be bringing forward proposals later in the year. Pending that report he proposed that for this year the following members should be co-opted.

Mr. Grahame Elliot  
Mr. Jeremy Elwes C.B.E.  
Mr. Chris Gent  
Sir Fred Hardman M.B.E.

and one representative each from the Medical Society and the Lawyers. These co-options were agreed.

Conservative Foreign and Commonwealth Council.

Sir Peter Lane, J.P. and Mr. Michael Craig-Cooper C.B.E. were re-appointed as the Committee's two representatives on the Conservative Foreign and Commonwealth Council.

10) Federation of Conservative Students.

Sir Donald Walters reported that the Committee of Enquiry together with the Chairman and a Vice-Chairman of F.C.S. had had one meeting and had identified 21 rules which needed examination, followed by a review of the Standing Orders.

Mr. Richard Fuller raised a question about the eligibility of one of the F.C.S. National Officers for election, and the Chairman asked for written evidence if this was to be investigated.

Mr. Fuller also asked that there should be consideration of wider issues than just the constitution of F.C.S. when rule changes were presented. An assurance to this effect was given by the Chairman.

11) Computers in Constituencies.

A report on the use of computers in Constituencies had been circulated with the notice of the meeting. In the absence of Mr. Hal Miller M.P., Mr. Nigel Hawks, Constituency Computer Adviser spoke to the Report and answered a number of questions.

12) Resolutions.

Six resolutions received from Constituency and Area organisations were circulated to the meeting and are annexed to the Master copy of these minutes. The action of the Chairman was approved and there were no other comments.

13) Party Conference - Blackpool 8th - 11th October.

The Chairman reported that the Agenda Sub-Committee would meet on 23rd July, and their decisions would be ratified by the G.P. Committee on 7th August.

Mr. John Marshall M.E.P. expressed the hope that there would be debates on Europe and the Famine in Africa.

As a result of the new security arrangements it was felt there were likely to be some people disappointed at not getting passes and admission after arriving at Blackpool. It was suggested that a suitable letter from the Chairman of the Conference should be available to send to such people immediately.

14) Business for the next meeting on Thursday 14th November, 1985.

It was agreed that the Secretary of State for Employment should be invited to address the meeting.

15) Any Other Business.

Cllr. Mrs. Hazel Bradford raised the changed position in Northern Ireland following the election of a number of Sinn Fein Councillors and hoped the Government would demonstrate that there was no question of them talking with advocates of 'the Armed Struggle'. She also expressed regret for recent clashes between some Unionist supporters and the R.U.C.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 4.35 p.m.

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PARTY CONFERENCE STATISTICS

	<u>1982</u>	<u>1983</u>	<u>1984</u>	<u>1985</u>
Overall length of Conference	22h15m	22h12m	22h10m	22h32m
Number of debates/discussions	19	19	19	19
Average time taken by reply speakers	18½m	19½	20½m	23¼m
Prime Minister's speech	49m	47m	45m	45m
Number of representatives speaking	165	171	155	145
Number of speakers' slips submitted	680	623	546	596
<u>Analysis of speakers</u>				
Men	128	127	129	105
Women	37	44	26	40
YCs	15	20	13	10
Students	4	6	7	2
Trade Unionists	16	17	12	14
MPs and Peers	11 (3 peers)	5	10	5
MEPs	1	3	1	2
Candidates	24	10	2	9
<u>Geographical distribution</u>				
Greater London Area	32	30	27	30
Northern	9	9	6	5
North-Western	17	17	10	16
Yorkshire	10	17	13	17
East Midlands	11	11	11	9
West Midlands	17	13	17	11
Eastern	16	14	12	12
South-Eastern	14	13	13	9
Wessex	11	12	18	9
Western	11	9	7	6
Wales	4	6	9	6
Scotland	7	8	9	8
National & Affiliated Bodies	3	2	-	7
Conservative Associations abroad	-	-	3	-
<u>Result of financial appeal</u>	£10,177	£7,091	£11,181	£9,335

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PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

2nd July, 1985

To: Members of the Executive Committee

Dear Sir/Madam,

### Meeting of the Executive Committee

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 11th July 1985 at 2.15 p.m.

I am pleased to inform you that the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Rt. Hon. Nigel Lawson, M.P., will address the meeting and answer questions. Rt. Hon. Tom King, M.P. was unable to accept our invitation on this date.

### Next Meeting

Preliminary notice is given of the meeting of the Executive Committee to be held on Thursday 14th November 1985 at 32 Smith Square at 2.15 p.m. Notice of any business for inclusion in the agenda should be sent to reach me by Wednesday 30th October.

### Attendance

It would assist the maintenance of accurate records of attendance if you would ensure that you hand in your pink attendance card on arrival at the meeting.

Yours faithfully,

SECRETARY

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Executive Committee Meeting - Thursday 11th July, 1985

A G E N D A

1. Chairman's opening remarks.
2. Apologies for absence.
3. Minutes of the last meeting held on 13th June, 1985 (appendix 'A' attached).
4. Business arising from the Minutes.
5. Executive Committee elections - three men to serve on the General Purposes Committee.  
To receive a report from the Secretary on these elections, and to appoint two representatives to the Conservative Foreign and Commonwealth Council.
6. Agents' Salary Scales for 1985.  
To receive and consider a report from the Agents' Employment Advisory Committee re the Agents' Salary Scales for 1985 (paper to be issued at the meeting).
7. Property Review Committee Report.  
To receive the Report of the Property Review Committee (Appendix 'C' attached).
8. Co-options to the Executive Committee.  
To co-opt seven members to the Executive Committee in accordance with Rule XII.
9. Chancellor of the Exchequer - Rt. Hon. Nigel Lawson, M.P.
10. F.C.S. Rules and Constitution.  
To receive an interim report from the Committee of Enquiry and F.C.S. Representatives on the proposed changes to the Rules and Constitution of the Federation of Conservative Students.
11. Computers in Constituencies - a Report.  
To receive a report from Hal Miller M.P. on the use and effectiveness of computers in constituency offices. (Appendix 'B' attached).
12. Consideration of resolutions received from Area, Constituency and other Organisations.  
(Any received to be issued at the meeting).
13. Party Conference, Blackpool. 8th - 11th October, 1985.  
To consider any further arrangements for the Party Conference.
14. Business for the next meeting (Thursday 14th November).
15. Any other business by leave of the Chairman.