



Draft minutes of KONP Steering Committee, Wednesday 6 June 2007

1. Attendance

Present:

Wendy Savage (WS) (chair), Peter Fisher (PF), John Lipetz (JLip), Paul Evans (PE), Alex Nunns (AN), Dot Gibson (DG)

Apologies:

Guy Collis (GC), John Lister (JL), Geoffrey Lewis (GL), Harry Keen (HK), Dave Eastham (DE), Barrie Brown (BB), Jacky Davis (JD)

2. Minutes of 2 May

Agreed as correct record.

3. Matters arising

i. WS had written to Peter Draper as per 3i of 2 May minutes.

ii. JD and PE had meeting with Fiona Godlee, editor of BMJ, and two members of editorial staff. They expressed interest in articles from KONP. JD to pursue this; AN to speak to editor and send copy of "Patchwork Privatisation".

iii. Amicus as yet do not have design for their cover of "Patchwork Privatisation". Unison has confirmed their order. No progress to date on NUJ conference decision to make donation to the campaign.

iv. PE to email Manchester group about UK Radiology Congress to take place on 11-13 June.

v. It was agreed that email request for support for KONP NHS Statement would be widely distributed.

4. Reports

i. 5 July meeting

Frank Dobson to speak.

Venue confirmed as Committee Room 14 in House of Commons.

JD and JL had confirmed that they would speak.

Leaflet originally produced for May Day (but not distributed due to booking problems with Friends Meeting House) to be amended and used to publicise 5 July meeting.

PE and DG to discuss proposal for photo-call with signing of "birthday card" for the

NHS.

DG to ask Kevin Coyne if he could also speak, especially about 13 October demonstration.

Three issues expected to be addressed by meeting:

Proposal for NHS Executive separate from Department of Health;

Effective democracy and accountability at local level;

KONP NHS statement.

Press release to be issued prior to meeting.

WS to check with Frank Dobson whether he agrees with NHS statement.

ii. KONP constitution

Proposed amendments to be emailed to Steering Committee.

AGM to be held on 10 November; invitations and agenda to be circulated by 6 October.

iii. KONP/Red Pepper survey of Labour deputy leadership candidates

AN has circulated questions and responses – the six candidates to be put in order of their support for NHS against privatisation. Result to be put on website and article to be in Red Pepper on 15 June.

iv. Links with Unison

Letter has been sent to Unison following problems that had arisen at union's conference but no reply yet received. WS to follow up with Karen Jennings.

v. Planning KONP's reaction to Brown's accession

AN to prepare press release for 27 June responding to his NHS policy.

vi. Claiming our successes on website

KONP had spread public recognition of privatisation, but this was not made clear on the website. This to be remedied.

vii. Michael Moore's new film on US healthcare, "Sicko"

Film had been shown at Cannes Film Festival. UK release in September. Olivia Canham in contact with distributors, who are interested in discussing possible link to KONP.

viii. Local groups

Reports coming in about local groups campaigning and planning events for 5 July and attending scrutiny committees etc. However there are currently fewer public meetings than there had been some time ago. Agreed that it was necessary to co-ordinate campaign for 13 October demonstration as local work needs a central drive.

5. **Finance**

Report circulated - encouraging, but work needed to ensure continued stability.

Next meeting: 2.00pm Wednesday 4 July 2007, Unison HQ Mabledon Place