



Draft minutes of KONP Steering Committee meeting 14 November 2007

1. **Attendance**

Present:

Wendy Savage (WDS) (chair), Dot Gibson (DG), Dave Eastham (DE), Peter Fisher (PF), John Lipetz (JLip), Harry Keen (HK), Paul Evans (PE), Alex Nunns (AN)

Apologies:

Jacky Davis (JD), Peter Draper (PD), Geoffrey Lewis (GL), Guy Collis (GC), John Lister (JL)

2. **Minutes of 3 October**

Agreed

3. **Finance**

In view of parlous state of KONP finances there was lengthy discussion on finance and ways in which costs could be cut. Fundraising had not been particularly successful and advertisement in Liverpool Echo had not been success with only three people joining. Cost of this advertisement had been paid by NHSCA.

It was agreed that:

i) PF, HK, WDS to sign letter to Dave Prentis requesting meeting to find out why it appears that Unison centrally have ceased to support KONP.

ii) Important to keep the website up to date and so the of employing two part-time people in Edinburgh would continue.

iii) Address of KONP would move from Brighton to London and the two excellent part-time people in Brighton would be told that KONP could no longer pay their salaries after end of January.

iv) WDS and her secretary would deposit money and maintain subscription details.

v) WDS to go to Brighton office on 26 November to get better understanding of input needed to do this and look at other tasks done.

vi) Agreement to be drawn up as to how KONP would repay loan

which had cleared debt to AN

vii) AN to be paid on hourly basis for any project work, and would attend steering committee meetings. KONP to pay his fares for these. He would continue to respond to press enquiries without payment.

viii) It may be necessary to get volunteers for group mailings and keeping in touch with individual members and groups around the country.

ix) The committee would decide what could be done with our limited resources and discuss further action at next meeting.

4. **Reports**

Press release on privatisation and commissioning had been very good; there had been lot of work around "Sicko" film with local press releases. All leaflets and postcards for 3 November demonstration had been handed out. 13,000 copies of London-based campaign newspaper had been produced and used in campaign for demonstration.

Next stage was consultation on Darzi proposals for London NHS. This would start on 30 November; it was important for KONP to be represented.

5. **National KONP meeting**

A national meeting should be held in line with KONP's financial situation. It was agreed that meeting should be provisionally booked in Friends House on either 2 or 9 January, at which Steering Committee would present report and proposals for discussion and decision.

6. **KONP statement on Darzi**

HK and JLip to amend current draft and circulate to those present plus JL, PD, JD and Sally Ruane. HK and JLip would then produce final document to be typeset by DG. AN to send to press and MPs. To be posted on website.

Next meeting: 2 pm, Tuesday 11 December. DG to advise venue