



British Organisation of People of Indian Origin

Meeting Minutes
Monday, 19 December, 2011

Opening:

A meeting of the British Organisation of People of Indian Origin (BOPIO) was called to order by Mr Sat Pal Muman (Chairman) at 15:15 on 19 December in House of Lords, Committee Room, Westminster, London SW1A 0PW.

Due to shortage of time at HOL, the meeting was adjourned and re-convened at 17:30 at The Commonwealth Club, 25 Northumberland Avenue, London WC2N 5AP

Present:

Lord Patel of Blackburn
President: Mr Sinna Mani Founder President of BOPIO
Chairman Sat Pal Muman
General Secretary: Namrata Dhingra
Mr Pravin Amin
Mr Jay Lakhani
Mr Ashok Chabria
Dr Mrs Sudershan Kapur
Mr Dial Masih
Mr Prem Mann
Mr Charanjit Singh Panesar
Mr Davinder Prasad
Mr Kuldeep Singh
Mr T.S. Sahni
Mr Harjit Singh
Mr Jitendra Patel
Mr T rilochan Sahni
Mr Yashpal Singh
Mr Gurdial Bhamra
Mr Vikesh Kanadia
Mr Ramesh Srivastava
Mr Bharat Kumar Solanki
Rini Kakati
Mr Mahendra Jadeja
Dr S.C Vasishtha
Mr Harry Bikkha
Dr Suman Datta
Mr Prem Mann
Mr Rehman Sheikh
Cllr Bhamra
Mr Vikesh Kanadia

Apologies:

Mr Paul Flather, Fellow Mansfield College, Oxford
Mr Madhu Desai, Abroad Gujarati Pathidar
Mr Shamsuddin Aga, President Indian Muslim Federation
Mr Vinaya Sharma
Lord Noon
Indian Citizen Centre
Mr Malcolm Deboo, Parsi Association
Cllr. Salim
Mr Amrjeet Bhamra, Herbal Medicines
Mr Irfan Mustafa, General Secretary, Indian Muslim Federation
Mr Ranjit Singh OBE, President Sikh Forum, BOPIO Vice-President
Mr Resham Sandhu, High Sheriff of Leicestershire
Ms Rani Singh
Cllr Mukesh Patel
Mr Prem Nath
Mr Krishnan Subramaniam
Mr Surinder Mehni
Mr Tansukh Kaine

A. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

| Item | Agenda |
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| 1 | Welcome |
| 2 | Minutes of Previous Meeting |
| 3 | Report on Forthcoming Solidarity and Social Cohesion Conference |
| 4 | BOPIO AGM |
| 5 | Round Table |
| 6 | Calendar of events |
| 7 | AOB |
| 8 | Vote of Thanks |

B. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

C. Open Issues

| Item | Issue | Action |
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| 1 | <p>A summary report was presented by Mr Sinna Mani who outlined background and ongoing consultations with organizations and key players on the need to hold Solidarity and Social Cohesion Conference and to revive BOPIO.</p> <p>Lord Patel also Highlighted the need for communities to come together and urged the political importance to show national Unity.</p> <p>It was resolved to hold BOPIO AGM as soon as possible and to constitute Steering Committee to plan for the conference.</p> | Conference matter to be taken forward to next meeting |
| 2 | Drive for Membership was discussed in preparation for the | Secretary to |

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| | <p>forthcoming BOPIO AGM. An Appeal was made to everyone to assist with recruitment of at least 25 paid up members to enable BOPIO to hold properly constituted AGM.</p> <p>Mr Muman, Cllr Rustom, Mr Prem Nath, Jitu Bhai Patel agreed to canvass organisations in East London. Ms Namrata Dhingra, BOPIO Secretary, to continue canvassing at national level.</p> | <p>draw up membership Register to be prepared by 31st January 2012</p> |
| 3 | <p>It was resolved for the current Management Council to decide on venue and date of AGM to be held no later than March.</p> | <p>BOPIO Management Council to agree and issue AGM Notice</p> |
| 4 | <p>Crisis Policy Briefing : Housing Benefit cuts 2011.</p> <p>Paper presented by Lord Mckenzie. No discussion held on paper. Agreed to publish paper on BOPIO website for members feedback to Katherine.Sacksjones@crisis.org.uk</p> | <p>BOPIO Webmaster to load paper on website</p> |

D. New Business

| Item | Issue | Action/Next Step |
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| 1 | Mr Davinder Prasad proposed to hold Indian Republican Day celebrations in Coventry under BOPIO. | Mr Davinder Prasad to form local working group in Coventry |
| 2 | Mr Jadeja raised issues about BOPIO constitution and organisational Structure. Members invited to send Amendments / views /comments / observations to BOPIO Secretary for consideration by BOPIO Management Council | All members |

E. Agenda for Next Meeting

| Item | Agenda |
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| 1 | Welcome |
| 2 | Minutes of Previous Meeting |
| 3 | <p>BOPIO AGM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Financial Report - Chairman / Secretary's Report - Election of New officers |
| 4 | Election of Solidarity and Social Cohesion Conference Steering Committee |
| 5 | Round Table |
| 6 | Calendar of Events |
| 7 | AOB |
| 8 | Vote of Thanks |

The next general meeting will be held at [time] on [date] in [location].