

EXETER CAMPAIGN FOR NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT

1. The first central meeting of Exeter CND was held at the Oddfellows Arms at 7-30 p.m. on 17 November 1980.
2. Attendance. 51 members attended, the sum made up of representatives from each area group, working groups A and B, and observers.
3. Apology for Absence. Mrs. Saxon Spence.
4. Election of Chairman of the meeting. Dr. P.J. Shephord was elected Chairman of the meeting.
5. Acting Secretary's Report. Rita Thomson reported:
 - i) That there were sufficient funds to cover costs of the "Public Information" leaflet.
 - ii) That membership stood at 167.
 - iii) That National CND was aware of the confusing relations (or evident lack of relations!) between local groups and the national body, and intended to rationalise the situation.
6. Wording of the "Public Information" leaflet. The Chairman reported on the work of Working Groups A and B, and distributed copies of the draft for consideration by the meeting. The main objections raised were:
 - i) That it contained too many difficult words and phrases.
 - ii) That it appeared too anti-American.
 - iii) That there should be more information on the tear-off slips.
 - iv) That the request for money should be omitted.

After discussion, votes were taken as follows:

- a) On the understanding that Working Group A would simplify the wording and take into consideration written suggestions for amendment, that the contents of the leaflet be approved:
46 for 3 against 2 abstentions
- b) That the wording of the tear-off slip be amended, but the request for money be retained:
35 for 6 against 10 abstentions
- c) That the format of the leaflet be approved:
carried unanimously.

It was further resolved:

- d) That the cost of £336 for 40,000 leaflets be accepted.
 - e) That distribution day be Sunday 7 December 1980.
7. National Conference. The Acting Secretary undertook to provide a written report on relevant issues discussed at the Leeds Conference as soon as she could.

8. Agenda for Next Meeting. It was agreed that the constitution and organization of Exeter CND should be the main business. Items proposed are appended under the heading Agenda for the Second Central Meeting.
9. Any Other Business.
 - i) Tickets for The War Game would be distributed after the meeting. There were to be two public showings of the film - at 7-30 and 9 p.m. on 8 December in the Bedford Room of the Barnfield Theatre. It was hoped that there would be an earlier showing, for members, on 2 December. A proposal by Peter Frings that £40 be made available for posters was accepted.
 - ii) Sir Richard Acland's proposal that the Friends' Meeting House would be a more suitable venue for meetings was discussed. The fact that smoking is not permitted there counted less in the turning down of the proposal than the fact that it is only available on Friday and Saturday (If that interpretation is contentious, ignore it...)
10. Reports from Local Groups. Held over till next meeting.
11. Date of next meeting. 1 December 1980. (Oddfellows Arms at 7-30)
12. Agenda for the Second Central Meeting.
 - 1) Reports from Local Groups.
 - a) West of the River Group
 - b) Countess Wear
 - c) Crediton
 - d) Heavitree/Polsloe
 - e) North East Villages
 - f) Pennsylvania
 - g) Rougemont
 - h) St. Leonards
 - i) St. Matthews
 - j) Topsham
 - k) Whipton/Barton/Pinhoe

+ University Group on leafletting
 - 2) Election of Chairperson for meeting.
 - 3) Relation of Exeter CND to National CND.

N.B. The following points from National CND Constitution may be useful:

- "A CND Regional organisation shall campaign in a geographical area whose boundaries shall be defined by agreement between adjacent regions and by approval of CND National Council"

- "A CND group shall campaign in a locality or centre of activity, its area of work to be defined by the group itself subject to agreement with adjacent groups if any.
- "A CND group shall be entitled to representation at its regional AGM and at CND annual conference, providing the following are complied with:
 - a) It accepts the policy of the campaign as decided by annual conference, and is recognised by National Council
 - b) It has a minimum of ten supporters
 - c) It includes among its meetings every year an annual general meeting to which all its members and supporters are invited with at least two weeks notice, and that at the same, or other general meeting, deals with business relating to CND annual conference and elects its officers of whom the secretary and chairperson at least must be members of the national campaign.
 - d) It contributes a yearly sum to the national campaign, this sum to be determined by the National Council."
- 4) Relation of local area groups to Exeter CND
 - a) delegation and representation at meetings
 - b) voting rights
 - c) funding
- 5) Relation of Working Groups to Exeter CND
 - a) delegation and representation at meetings
 - b) voting rights
 - c) funding
- 6) Affiliations to Exeter CND
 - a) policy on affiliation
 - b) voting rights of affiliates, if any
 - c) funding implications of affiliation, if any
- 7) Should there be an established committee?
- 8) Election of Officers, if required after Item 7
- 9) Casting Vote?
- 10) Date of A.G.M.
- 11) Campaigning
 - Schools
 - Trade Unions
 - Church Liaison
 - door-to-door
- 12) Date of next meeting