

ALLIANCE PARTY OF NORTHERN IRELAND

MINUTES OF EDITORIAL BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN HEADQUARTERS ON TUESDAY
15TH DECEMBER 1987 AT 5.00 P.M. AT HEADQUARTERS.

PRESENT: Eileen Bell (Editor), George Jones, Muriel Pritchard,
Maureen Donnelly, Phil McGarry, Bill Barbour, Rosemary Jack.

APOLOGIES: Patrick Bell, Joan English, Alex Caldwell.

1. The Editor informed the Committee members that the December Council had approved the increase in price of the newspaper from 15p to 20p and that it recommends that the full 20p should be charged to all members and readers, so that the papers continuing losses could be halted to some extent.
2. There ensued further discussion on the make up, content and production of the paper, and it was noted that the Editor and Sub Editor will be having a meeting with the printers in the new Year with a view to obtaining a written confirmation of all newspaper release dates so that Association newspaper distributors could be informed. Other matters such as layout will also be discussed with Phoenix. Some ideas will also be put forward concerning content of paper by members present a resume of which is below.
 - (a) more advertising should be sought by Editorial Board members from sources both inside and outside the Party.
 - (b) statements etc of Party spokesman should be included for members information. It was thought that these would also help the layout of the paper resemble more closely the Province's newspaper such as Belfast Telegraph.
 - (c) spokesmen, councillors etc should be asked to make regular contributions and another rota list for Associations should be drawn up so that contributions would be obtained from throughout the Party.
 - (d) topicality should continue to be a priority, and it was still felt necessary that Council meetings etc should be reported on for members information.

It was agreed that all members of the Editorial Board would endeavour to ensure constant supplies of material from as many Party members as possible so that it is not left to the Editor, Sub Editor and the same team of contributors to make the paper a successful and expanding concern.

PLEASE NOTE The next meeting of the Editorial Board will be on
Tuesday 19th January 1988 at 5.00 p.m. at Headquarters.