

ALLIANCE PARTY OF NORTHERN IRELAND

MORNING MEETING OF DELEGATION TEAM

PRESENT: John Alderdice, Seamus Close, Sean Neeson, Addie
Morrow, Stewart Dickson, Steve McBride, Eileen Bell,
Mervyn Jones, David Ford

Secretary of State met 4 Party leader's this morning and then held photo call.

First plenary meeting agreed business arrangements followed by brief statement from John Alderdice, brief(ish) statement by Hume, depressing paper from J Cunningham and rant about security and Anglo Irish Agreement from Paisley.

Mayhew took strong lead which may be beneficial and Hanley appears to be very straightforward but attitude of other parties very depressing: no sign of movement from Unionists, reiteration of Scots/Welsh devolution red herrings by OU's and provocative behaviour of Paisley. Strains are already showing between 2 Unionist parties. When is the appropriate time for papers to be presented by those who are "willing" to do so?

It is important that Business Committee behaviour determines what is agreed and negotiations on further issues are confirmed to Plenary meetings.

It is probably impossible to agree on the nature of the problem: institutions may be established which are viewed differently by different parties.

Discussion took place on "Realities and Common Themes"

Agreed paras 1-14 are not particularly relevant to idea of "common themes".

Para 18	maintain "at least"
21	very important
25/26	strand 2 issue
31	very important
33	very good