

ALLIANCE PARTY OF NORTHERN IRELAND

MINUTES OF POLITICAL STRATEGY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN HEADQUARTERS ON WEDNESDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER 1987 AT 1.00 P.M.

PRESENT Addie Morrow, Bill Barbour, John Alderdice, Seamus Close, Sean Neeson, Jane Copeland, Howard Johnston, Dan McGuinness, Eileen Bell.

APOLOGIES: Mervyn Jones.

CORRESPONDENCE

- (1) Invitation from Progressive Democrats for representatives to attend Progressive Democrat Conference. It was agreed that General Secretary will contact Progressive Democrat Headquarters and say that we will be sending representatives and names will be given after 3rd October 1987.
2. Letter from Halifax Group of United Reform Churches requesting a meeting on the 18th November 1987 at 1.30 p.m. It was agreed that two members of the Strategy Committee could be available at that time.
3. Letter from Richard Needhams private office to say a meeting would be arranged after the Minister returned from holiday.
4. Notice of meeting of the European Movement, and there was a discussion re a replacement for Basil Glass.

MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

1. Addie Morrow reported that he, General Secretary, Dan McGuinness and Pat Massey visited Colin Mill and talked to Fr. Des Wilson about the funding of Community Groups. It was a constructive meeting and Fr. Des Wilson was told that we would be having a meeting with the Minister about this and other related matters. Sean Neeson stated he has already arranged a meeting and it was agreed that Dan McGuinness should be part of the delegation.
2. Deputy Leader reported on Party Leader's visit to the Liberal Assembly in Harrogate as Party Leader was delayed for today's meeting.

POLITICAL SITUATION

1. Deputy Leader stated that Party Leader had suggested that a letter be sent to Alan Dukes expressing concern over Peter Barry's visit to the North with the S.D.L.P. Party Chairman will deal with this.
2. Dan McGuinness reported that he and Pat Massey had lodged their nomination papers for the West Belfast By-Election on Tuesday morning and there then followed a short discussion on the By-Election and our running of the campaign.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A discussion took place about the position of delegate substitutes at the Extraordinary Meeting of Council. It was noted that Party Chairman had made a decision that substitutes would only be accepted after application, on the morning of the 3rd, to the General Secretary or himself. Associations and Branches will be notified of this meeting.

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER AT 1.00 P.M. IN HEADQUARTERS.