

Conservative Society Meeting

12th June 2009

12:00

CSC Meeting
Room

Meeting called by:	Kieran Weisberg	Type of meeting:	Informal post elect
Start time:	12:15	Minute taker:	Kieran Weisberg
Finish time:	14:00		
In attendance:	Kieran Weisberg, Asa Bennett, Emily Cheah, Iain Martin, Brian Middleton, Micheal Peet and Emma Double		

Minutes

Agenda item: Review previous meeting minutes **Presenter:** KW

Discussion: Minutes were agreed by all present.

Agenda item: President's Review of Booked Speakers **Presenter:** KW

Discussion: Discussion held by all in attendance.

The President confirmed that the following speakers had been booked:

Eric Pickles – 27/10/09

Jeremy Hunt – 24/11/09

David Willets – 08/12/09

The President confirmed the following speakers had declined their invitation:

Anne Widdecombe

Phillip Hammond

Boris Johnson

The President confirmed the following speakers have yet to reply:

Ken Clarke

Lady Anelay

Action: After discussion, it was agreed the President should invite the following:
George Osborne MP (Shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer and General Election Campaign Coordinator)
Baron Patten of Barnes (Patron TRG and Former Governor to Hong Kong)
Oliver Letwin (Chairman of the Policy Review and of the Conservative Research Department)
Nicholas Soames MP (Society Patron and MP for Mid-Sussex)
Greg Clark MP (Shadow Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change)
Owen Paterson MP (Shadow Secretary of State for Northern Ireland),
Baroness Anelay (Opposition Chief Whip in the Lords)
Sayeeda Warsi (Shadow Minister for Community Cohesion and Social Action)
Daniel Hannan MEP
Douglas Murray

Fraser Nelson (Political editor of The Spectator)
Matthew d'Ancona (Political editor of The Spectator)
Iain Dale (Conservative Blogger)
Simon Heffer

It was noted that Greg Clark should be invited to coincide with the UCLU 'Green Week' and Owen Patterson should be invited to a joint event with the Irish Society.

Agenda item: Review of Finances **Presenter:** KW

Discussion: Discussion held by all in attendance.

The President reported that the society's accounts were no longer suspended. Whilst the Alumni Dinner had been over charged by some £600, after much discussion with the Catering Company the final bill was reduced by £800. If the alumnae xxxxxx had paid for his dinner and xxxxxx had provided sponsorship as arranged then the event would have in fact been profitable, as such our accounts are empty.

The society has received the largest grant on record totalling £620.00 which can be used to subsidise the following:

48 New Wine Glasses

Cases for all existing wine glasses

Large Wine Ice Bucket

£150 towards either the Christmas Dinner or Alumni Dinner

£250 towards attendance to the Party Conference

Agenda item: Presidents Review of Calendar **Presenter:** KW

Discussion: Discussion held by all in attendance.

It was reported that the society would have a wide array of events, as discussed in previous meetings, and there would be an event every Tuesday. Some speakers have already been confirmed for the first term as have a Welcome Drinks Reception, Port and Policy and a Westminster Pub Crawl.

Action: The President should arrange for a Question Time event and in November, the Social Secretary should arrange a Christmas Dinner at a suitable venue.

Agenda item: Patrons **Presenter:** KW

Discussion: Discussion held by all in attendance.

It was agreed by all that in recognition of their support; Tim Barnes, Paul Barton and George Lee should be made Patrons of the society. Furthermore, as an Executive Director of UCL Advances, Tim Barnes is able to book rooms that are otherwise unavailable to the society. As patron to the society it is thought that he will be able to secure use of the Haldane room for our Guest Speaker Events.

Action: The President is to invite Tim Barnes, Paul Barton and George Lee to become Patrons of the society.

Agenda item: Discussion of liaisons with other societies **Presenter:** KW

Discussion: Discussion held by all in attendance.

It was agreed that we should host events in combination with other societies were possible in order to maximise attendance. Ideas included joint events with Amnesty Society, Sri Lanka Society, Law Society and Conservative Friends of Israel. It was also suggested that we host two Question Times. One would be just Conservative; the other would be a blend of political speakers from across the party range.

Agenda item: Any other business **Presenter:** ALL

Discussion: Emma has researched society hoodies and will draw up a sample one which can be presented at fresher's fare. They cost about £14 and can have anything written across their back. Members of the committee will be encouraged to buy a society hoody.

Discussion: It was agreed that the membership rate should remain at £5, however, we could charge extra for one or two 'key speaker' events.

Agenda item: Next meeting **Presenter:** KW

The next Committee Meeting will take place in September ahead of the new academic year.

Respectfully submitted,

Kieran Weisberg 19th June 2009

President