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Minutes of a meeting of the Trustees held at 16/20 Strutton Ground, London SW1, on 19th January, 1977.

Present: Sue Barnett
Lil Butler
Michael Butler
Antony Grey (Director)
Harold Haywood (Chairman)
Angela Willans

Apologies: Rodney Bennett-England
Sidney Bunt
Lord Winstanley

In attendance: Jan McHugh, Ric Rogers, Arlo Tatum

By Invitation: Michael Rubinstein
(Minute 63)

61. Minutes of Previous Meeting. Minutes of the meeting held on 24th November were approved and signed.
62. Matters Arising (a) Liberation Films (37(b)). There was to be a second meeting of the staff with the film people at 4.00 pm on 7th February, 1977, to decide on the theme of the film treatment. The Chairman felt that if there was no progress by the next Trustees meeting the matter should be dropped.
- (b) Sex Offenders (37(c)). Antony Grey would be preparing a proposal for NACRO's consideration. APEX had expressed interest and might also be involved. The Chairman suggested involving the Probation Service, also the possibility of interesting e.g. Lord Carr of Hadley in chairing a commission.
- (c) British Council of Churches (51(2a)). It appeared that no reply regarding the proposed conference could be forthcoming before March.
- (d) Police in the Community (51(2b)). A day-long meeting (by invitation only) would take place at Church House on 7th February, 1977. Lil Butler suggested that Superintendent Richard Wells of Earls Court police be invited, and the Chairman hoped that a full report would be available.
- (e) Scotland (51(i)). It was agreed to hold over the discussion of a possible Scottish branch.
- (f) Research - Teenagers (56(a)). Application forms for a research grant had been received from DHSS, with a covering letter indicating that only small grants were now possibly available for 1977-78. Antony Grey would consult with Michael Schofield before proceeding.
- (g) Paedophiles (57). Harold Haywood reported that the Trustees' executive sub-committee had met the preceding Friday, and had agreed to recommend that the Trust should not publish the document the paedophile group had prepared. Whilst recognising the hard work

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which had gone into it, it was not felt that the document would advance the understanding and acceptance of paedophiles, and it might adversely affect the Albany Trust. The Trustees generally agreed. It was also agreed that the Trust, in consultation with the paedophile group, should produce its own pamphlet on paedophilia in due course, and that an article on the subject should appear during the year in "AT Work".

(h) AT Work (57). Ric Rogers expressed strong objections to the delay in the second issue of "AT Work". He had agreed that it should not go out just before the Christmas holiday, but now it seemed that it might not be ready until mid-February, although we had announced it would be quarterly. He could have used up to 1,000 copies for a conference on 31st January, 1977. The Trustees were sympathetic, but did not feel able to have a discussion in Rodney Bennett-England's absence. It was felt the third issue should appear not later than 15th April.

63. Mrs. Mary Whitehouse (Speech, 24/11/76). Harold Haywood, who had earlier welcomed and introduced Michael Rubinstein, reported that Mary Whitehouse had not responded to the letter, copies of which Trustees had seen, posted by recorded delivery on 17th December, 1976. The executive had recommended that one more letter be sent, requesting that the first be answered.

Loretta Carrington entered the room to report that she had just managed to reach Mrs. Whitehouse by telephone. Mrs. Whitehouse said she did not know whether or not the Trust's letter had been received, and was unable to check because she was at lunch. Miss Carrington was thanked by the Trustees.

Michael Rubinstein felt a second letter would be an acceptable next step. He supported the executives recommendation that a writ be neither threatened nor taken out, for legal action could be extremely expensive. If the Trust's repudiation of Mrs. Whitehouse's remarks were to appear in AT Work and picked up by the regular press, that would be useful, particularly if difficulties should arise in future.

To Mr. Rubinstein's question as to whether even a second letter was necessary, the Chairman felt it was. Since Mrs. Whitehouse had been unclear as to whether she had received the first letter, it was only polite to send a copy, indicating that we hoped she would be courteous enough to reply.

The Trustees thanked Mr. Rubinstein for his good advice and for taking the time to meet with them.

64. Correspondence. Arlo Tatum reported that a woman from Hove had written twice to ask the sexual orientations of the Trustees. He had suggested that she write to each Trustee c/o the office, enclosing s.a.e.'s.