



Bedfordshire

Child Poverty Action Group

Campaigning against family and child poverty

AGM

10th February 2011

**The Castle Pub,
Newnham Street, Bedford**

- 1) **Present:**, Len Simkins (Chair), Katie Williams, Joe Greene
Apologies: Mary Jurance, Susannah Rastall
- 2) **Minutes of last AGM (21st January 2010)**
Minutes agreed as a true record of events. Proposed by JG and seconded by LS.
Matters arising: Item 6(b), last bullet point - The Child Poverty Network could not be used to increase Beds. CPAG membership as the countywide network was disbanded last year
- 3) **Chair's Report**
LS distributed draft 2010 Annual Report, which is attached to these minutes. The draft report was discussed and accepted. In 2010 the work of the group had contributed to the development of needs assessments in preparation for local authorities' child poverty strategies.
- 4) **Treasurer's Report**
 - JG had circulated a financial report, which is attached, for the period 1/1/10 to 31/12/10. The finances are healthy with £467.63 remaining in the bank. The financial report was accepted. Proposed LS, seconded KW.
- 5) **Election of officers**
The following officers were elected to serve until the following AGM.
Chair – Kate Williams - Proposed JG, seconded LS.
Vice Chair – Len Simkins - Proposed by JG and seconded by KW.
Treasurer and Secretary – Joe Greene - Proposed LS, seconded KW
- 6) **Update on child poverty issues in the local area**
Child Poverty strategies: Bedford Borough is currently drafting its Child Poverty Needs Assessment. Central Beds has completed a draft child poverty strategy. Luton has completed a CPNA to inform its child poverty strategy.
- 7) **Planned activity for Beds. CPAG in 2011**
 - Engage with Poverty Task Forces of Central Beds. and Bedford Borough councils - KW to draft a letter to respective chairs of these groups, asking for Beds. CPAG to be a member of these task groups.
 - Beds. CPAG to send a progress report to members at least every 2 months.
 - Beds. CPAG to explore adoption of the 'Poverty News', if financial support from the Bedford Borough ceases and if Beds. CPAG can raise sufficient funds, (i.e. approximately £2k per annum,) to support the publication. This will be considered by members at the next working meeting on 3/3/11. In the meantime JG to explore prospects for funding for this work.
 - Beds. CPAG to seek new members – all members will consider the best ways of recruiting in readiness for the review meeting on 3/3/11.
- 8) **AOB**
 - LS to e-mail new Beds. CPAG logo/letterhead to JG and KW
- 9) **Date of next meeting** – Thursday 3/3/11, to further plans outlined in section '7', above.

Beds CPAG Receipts & Payments 2010									
Receipts Date	Receipts Payee	Receipt No	Amount	Date	Payments Paid to	For	Cheque No	Amount	
01/01/2010	Bal c/f	n/a	755.27						
				31/12/2010	Infotrain	Void (cheque lost in post)	100080	zero	
						2010 Chair Expenses (i.e. 2010 AGM expenses £17.30, annual CPAG membership subscription £78.00, Domain name £7.02, Website maintenance £180, BAF membership £5 and postage costs £0.32).		287.64	
						Total Payments		287.64	
						Total Receipts		755.27	
						Summary		755.27	
						Total Receipts		287.64	
						Total Payments		287.64	
						Balance in bank at 31/12/10		467.63	

prep. LS. See 127