**SHA Leeds 4.8.18**

**Central Council (CC) meeting**

St George Centre 1.00 – 4.00 pm

**Present:** Chair Alex Scott-Samuel(ASS), Secretary Jean Hardiman Smith (JHS), Vice Chair Andrew Thompson (AT), Judith Varley (Minutes Sec), Mike Roberts (MR), Caroline Bedale (CB), Jon Shaffer, Lawrence Cotter(LC), James Williamson, Gurinder Singh Josan(GSJ), Tony Jewell(TJ), Brian Fisher(BF), Kathrin Thomas (KT), John Lipetz (JL), Jane Roberts(JR), Tony Beddow (TB), Brian Gibbons (BG), Vivien Giladi (VG), Carol Ackroyd(CA), Irene Leonard,

**Observers**: Ruth Billheimer (RB), Lewis Atkinson (LA), Chris Owen, Michael Parkinson (MP).

1. **Apologies:** Guy Collis, Corrie Lowry, Zahid Cauhan, Diane Jones, Alison Scouller, Mark Ladbroke, Stephen Warren, Peter Mayer, Alison Gardner, Katrina Murray, Nicholas Csergo, Sina Lari, Jos Bell, Onkar Sahota, David Davies, Carolyn Walsh, David Mattocks, Helen Cranage, David Wrigley, Tom Fitzgerald (Treasurer), Jacky Davis, Alan Hall, Steve Bedser

ASS welcomed everyone to the meeting. This was followed by a minute’s silence for Julian Tudor Hart, the first President of SHA. GSJ suggested we commemorated his name in perpetuity with a session at the SHA fringe of the LP Conference, and this was agreed

1. **Minutes of the Crewe meeting** were agreed with the amendment that the current meeting date had been re-arranged only after clashes with the Durham Miners Gala, and various other demonstrations had been noted. It would be prudent to check the calendar for possible clashes beforehand in future.
2. **No matters arising**

LA, an SHA member but not an elected member of CC, asked that he substitute for 2 absent elected members, and was refused by ASS who added that the absent members had not resigned and therefore cannot be replaced.

**4) Andy Thompson’s Statement** **on the Current Disciplinary Hearing**Andy (AT) spoke as Vice Chair of SHA, and as a former GP, coroner, with legal expertise and as a Trade Union rep including his having chaired a Disciplinary Panel – all very relevant experience to the current matter.  Many gaps and inadequacies in SHA practices had come to light and the folly of leaving everything in the hands of just one person is clear.  SHA policies will have to be augmented according to the ACAS Code of Practice.  Members intervening through social media have sought to influence the panel’s thinking, and anyone who has so contributed, will be excluded from contributing to the Appeal Panel.  The Appeal Panel members and its findings will be fully documented; it will be convened without un-necessary delay and a full report with all lessons and recommendations will be published.  It is to be as fair and valid a process as is possible.  Agenda 7 concerning rule change is a responsibility beyond this meeting.
AT said all 3 officers have had to excuse themselves from the process, so Alex had asked him to appoint a new panel; 10 members had volunteered, the list was available and had been randomised in Excel and had then been worked through top to bottom. However, we now have only 1 person left from the original list, so we need a new one.  John Lipetz suggested further debate was deferred until the second panel had been convened, had reported and the completed report with its recommendations was available to members.  AT said SHA has Employers Liability Insurance although he had not seen the policy.  ‘Back channel’ pressures geared to producing a specific outcome were neither welcome nor acceptable.  Any further discussion of this matter *en masse* was inappropriate since the Officers have powers vested in them between meetings.  SHA is policy light because this hasn’t seemed necessary in the past, but it’s clear that we might have done better had we implemented the 2014 Clarke Review, updating our governance and our legal status.

(JL) suggested further debate was deferred until the second panel had been convened, had reported and the completed report with its recommendations was available to members.

**5) Policy Development Discussion Paper** – The discussion paper prepared by TB was considered. Noted: current “policy” is a mixture of recently prepared papers that are probably our current policy position, Older papers may need to be updated, and “old” papers that might have a historical value should be shown as such on the website.

Agreed: AT to take into account when reviewing the website.

Inequalities should be a thread running through all that is considered.

The framework for policy analysis was generally felt to have a utility. The process by which CC and members could initiate new, and modify current policy was felt reasonable.

Areas suggested for creating new, or updating current, policy were proposed as follows:

a) A “gap analysis” relating to the extant public health policy to see if the work done in Glasgow (and Cardiff) relating to issues arising from the night time economy should be added to that paper

b) Further work on mental illness to further improve the current NPF policy paper

c) Work relating to the needs of carers

d) Further work relating to how best to create a “National Care Service” as signalled in the last manifesto – based on NHS values and funding approach

**6) SHA Fringe meetings at Conference: 2 slots available. Monday’s session Maternity Services and Tuesday’s session Renationalisation/Social Care were agreed.** VG said Health Campaigns Together have made a formal request to share the Social Care meeting. These sessions should both have regard for the needs of disabled people.

**7) BF raised a Social Care Motion to be sent to CLPs and wards. Is there ‘a hook’ for this to be a Contemporary Motion?** **It’s a tight window, just July 31 – 5 Aug, so needs immediate attention and action.**

**8) Future meetings and Disability**: need for comprehensive technology to allow members to participate more effectively. AT has consulted with Trade Unions, LP and Community organisations, some of which use audio and/or video conferencing, audio being considerably cheaper.

**9) AOB** ( JL) asked how social care would be nationalised. He suggested action groups should be set up based on the priorities from the outcome of TB’s Discussion doc and BF’s work

The meeting closed at 4.00.

Next meeting: 1 Sept in Birmingham