

CENTRE FOR POLICY STUDIES

MINUTES of a meeting in Interview Room D, House of Commons, at 4.45pm
on 30 May 1974

Present: Sir Keith Joseph MP
Messrs Vinson, Sherman, Webley and Bower.

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| 1. <u>Logistics.</u> | JB |
| The target for company formation is still 14 June. | |
| NV has purchased dictating equipment. | |
| AS has an alternative candidate as a secretary. | JB/AS |
| 2. <u>MPs' Study Group.</u> | |
| JB to report findings of his interviews to KJ. | JB |
| MPs to be involved wherever possible in the Centre's
Theme discussions. | KJ/JB |
| 3. <u>Memorandum and Articles.</u> | |
| A revised Objects Clause was agreed. | |
| KJ asked to have time to study the revised Memorandum and
Articles thoroughly. | |
| It was agreed that the Top Structure should be :- | |
| Members : Council ; Executive Committee | |
| KJ, Margaret Thatcher and NV would be the initial constituents ^{JB}
at each level. Provision would also be included for an Advisory Council. | |
| 4. <u>Management Structure.</u> | |
| Annex B was not discussed in detail. | |
| KJ reported that he wished to free himself from day to day
responsibility for the Centre and he and NV were therefore
looking for a Director. A potential candidate had appeared
who KJ would be seeing. It was agreed not to advertise at
this stage and to concentrate for the time being on discreet
enquiries. | KJ/NV |
| 5. <u>Themes.</u> | |
| The meeting considered three different approaches:- | |
| a) An illustrative Broad Subject Area provided by SW -
'Revitalising Enterprise in Britain'. | |
| b) The following headings provided by KJ:- | |
| i) Distribution of wealth and income. | |
| ii) Trade Union attitudes. | |
| iii) 'The Sextet' (Profit:saving; tax:depreciation; growth of
investment:output per man year). | |
| iv) The correlation of Money Supply to unemployment and bank-
ruptcies. | |
| v) Socialist Market Economies. | |
| vi) The interface between public and private enterprise. | |
| vii) Attitudes to and preparation for work. | |
| The following were also raised:- | |
| viii) Inflation and private enterprise. | |
| ix) Savings. <i>Unempl</i> | |

From the above, Indexing of Savings and Analysis of Unemployment were extracted as individual subjects suitable for discussion meetings (with opposite views represented) at which to arrive at specific questions.

KJ was to approach Terence Higgins and Peter Jay about Indexing and might also approach Steadman (Unilever) and Arthur Knight (Courtaulds) about the Sextet and Interface respectively.

5. (Cont.)

- c) A paper produced by Peter Utley volunteering, inter alia, to draft a 'Book of Fallacies'.

It was agreed:-

a) and b) above

- i) SW to have recommended by 30 June precisely which Themes to progress and how, including the composition of Discussion Groups and arrangements for commissioning research. Discussion Groups would be set up as soon as possible; arrangements for commissioning research should be operative by July and SW was given discretion to commission minor research in principle subject to clearance with those present at the meeting.

SW and JB would institute a dialogue with the objective of returning with initial recommendations within, say, two weeks.

SW/JB

- ii) KJ would let JB have a note of all people he proposed approaching and of those who have volunteered research facilities.

c) above

KJ probably to discuss Mr Utley's paper further with NV, AS and JB.

KJ/AS

6. Modus Operandi

The meeting considered a Note on Project Procedures prepared by SW.

It was agreed as a useful analysis of the method for dealing with certain of the Centre's projects. AS asked for Bibliography to be added as item 3(f).

7. Publicity

It was agreed to defer discussion of this until the next meeting. The objective would be a press announcement and party when the Wilfred Street building is operative.

8. Fund Raising

KJ would despatch letters and coordinate approaches with NV.

KJ/NJ

9. Next Meeting.

Not fixed.