

13 November 2008

**BGWS MEETING HELD IN OAK FARM COMMUNITY SCHOOL ON SUNDAY
09 NOVEMBER 2008 AT 1400 HOURS – RECORD OF DECISIONS**

Ser	Subject / Issues	Action
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1	<p><u>Opening Address.</u> The Gen Sec thanked all the attendees especially those who had stayed behind from the Property Meeting held earlier. He spoke on the issue regarding an article published in a local Nepali newspaper making unjustified and damaging allegations towards our Chairman. He stressed the newspaper's lack of duty in ensuring accuracy and importantly not publishing the reply by BGWS. The Gen Sec opened the discussion to seek the members' views as to what form of action should BGWS take or not.</p>	All
2	<p><u>Treasurer's Update.</u> The Treasurer read out the statement of our current fund. He reported that the Hospital Fund has so far raised £5245 and nominal roll of all our kind donors can be found on our website (www.bgws.org). He also updated the Litigation Fund which has so far collected £29,900.</p>	All
3	<p><u>Radio BGWS.</u> Maj(Retd) S Sherpa gave an excellent power point presentation explaining the complexity of applying for a Community Radio Licence, the complete change from the old form and the technical aspects involved. He highlighted that the processing period is very lengthy and envisage that it may take anything from 6 to 18 months before we can expect any form of decision. When Radio BGWS is launched, it will be also available via the internet and digital multiplex. Maj(r) thanked members and Area Representatives for their support and patience shown thus far.</p>	
4	<p><u>Chairman's Update.</u></p> <p>a. <u>Hospital Project.</u> In addition to the £5245 a further £646:00 has been received from Chris White, money raised in memory of the late Martin Henry Sparks. While the aim is to reach £10,000 before the project is launched as a charity, background homework has been instigated.</p> <p>b. <u>Nepal Fund.</u> Money from the working capital in Nepal will be transferred to the UK account in the very near future.</p> <p>c. <u>Settlement.</u> Our appeal cases for 292 remains on hold and as per the announcement made by the Home Office all should be cleared within the next three months. The result was extremely good and favours all ex Gurkhas but cautioned everyone that he has not seen any evidence from the Judge that settlement should be granted to all Pre-July 1997 wallas. He also praised Ms Joanne Lumley for her commitment towards the Gurkha cause and that we should all be grateful to her for taking a resolute stand to undo the wrong treatment faced by ex Gurkhas.</p> <p>d. <u>Pension.</u> Our Judicial Review date is still on hold and the delay is also due to the result of the settlement case. We stand firm on our aim to achieve equal pensions for one and all and if required take it right to the European Court.</p>	All
5	<p><u>Public Relation.</u> Mr Prakash Gurung (PR) reminded all that our Chairman is still banned from contacting the media by the MOD and the Chairman has made an appeal with the Employment Tribunal and a hearing date remains to be confirmed. He asked that members must bear this in mind and not to forget the contribution/sacrifices our Chairman has made for the betterment of all Gurkhas. He also briefly covered the topic of Dual Nationality which was discussed during the NRN Day which was attended by the Chairman, Gen Sec and PR, where though all the UK Nepali media was present the full report only appeared in the Everest Times.</p>	All

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6	<p><u>NRN (UK)</u>. Mr Tharka Sen (Rep) informed everyone that NRN (UK) has organised a Charity Dinner Night to raise emergency fund. The dinner will be held in Reading on 7 December 2008. Interested members can purchase ticket(s) from him at £50 each. He also stated that his daughter, Miss BhawanI Sen is competing in the Miss England 2008 competition. He requested all to vote for his daughter either by text (84205) or phone (09016561500) by 1200 hrs 14 November 2008.</p>	All
7	<p><u>AOB</u>. The Vice-Chairman reiterated the comments made by the General Secretary at Serial 1 and asked for members' feedback on whether we should simply ignore it or pursue it legally and asked that members vote by raising their hands. It was unanimously and strongly voted by <u>ALL</u> that legal action must be taken.</p>	Gen Sec
8	There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 1615 hrs.	

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General Secretary