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LUTHULI CULTURAL AND WELFARE SERVICES

MINUTES OF THE FOURTH MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON

MONDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER, 1983 AT 5PM

7 SOUTHBOURNE CRESCENT, LONDON NW4 2LB.

PRESENT

Bishop Hugh Montefiore	(Chairman)
Cosmas Desmond	(Treasurer)
M. Seretse Choabi	(Director)
Michael Dummett	(Council Member)
Thabo Mbeki	(Council Member)
Thomas Nkobi	(Council Member)
Alfred Nzo	(Council Member)

The chairman opened the meeting at exactly 5pm.

1. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

The chairman invited the meeting to consider the minutes of the previous meeting held on the 19th March, 1983 and to decide whether they represented a correct record of the deliberations of the Council of Management at that meeting. The minutes were accepted as a correct record and were duly signed by the chairman.

Prof. Michael Dummett requested the meeting to proceed to discuss the urgent issue of the finances of the Association and not to take up matters arising from the minutes as he was anxious to take part in this discussion before leaving the meeting for another engagement. The meeting agreed to this proposal.

2. FINANCES.

The Director briefly reported on the finances of the Association. He informed the meeting that the Association had a net Bank balance of funds amounting to £38,065. These were programme funds and were specifically earmarked for the Scholarship programme. The meeting was advised that Administration funds had been exhausted and also that administration expenses were being met out of the Scholarship programme funds.

The chairman strongly questioned the practice of meeting administration costs out of programme funds. He stressed that this could not be allowed to continue for long as it was unacceptable practice. After making these points, the chairman reported on his discussions with the President of the ANC. He informed the meeting that the President agreed that administration funds had to be found for the Association. He further reported that the President had informed him that the ANC would decide on possible assistance to the Luthuli Services within a period of two months from the time of their discussion.

Mr. Nkobi responded by pointing out that the ANC was aware of the fact that administration

funds had to be found for the Association. He pointed out that efforts were being made to assist the Luthuli Services to obtain administration funds. Mr Nkobi appealed for more efforts to be made by members of the Management Council to obtain funds.

Mr Cosmas Desmond argued that it would be unrealistic to expect the Management Council to raise substantial funds without the assistance of the ANC. He emphasised that the Management Council was not asking the ANC to provide funds to the Luthuli Services out of its own funds. What was expected was the ANC to give its support to the fundraising efforts of the Luthuli Services.

Prof. Michael Dummett strongly supported Mr Cosmas Desmond's argument. He stressed that it was crucial that administration funds be assured if the future of the Association is to be guaranteed.

Mr Nzo informed the meeting that the ANC was continuing to make efforts to assist the Luthuli Services to obtain funds. He told the meeting that an important meeting between the ANC and SIDA (Swedish International Development Agency) was scheduled to take place on the 5th December, 1983 in Lusaka. Funding of the Luthuli Services is to be discussed at this meeting.

The meeting agreed that drastic decisions regarding the future of the Luthuli Services should be postponed until after the special ANC/SIDA consultations in Lusaka. It was provisionally agreed that an Extra-ordinary meeting be convened for the 15th December, 1983 to discuss the future of the Luthuli Services. This meeting would not be held if the ANC/SIDA discussions resulted in funding support for the Luthuli Services. In the meantime Mr Nkobi agreed to approach the ANC with the request that the Luthuli Services be assisted with funds to eliminate the administration deficit of expenditure over income. It was decided that the chairman should write formally to the ANC through the office of the Secretary-General informing them of the grave financial situation of the Luthuli Services. The ANC was to be informed that without ANC assistance it was unlikely that the Luthuli Services could continue to operate.

As regards the Extra-ordinary meeting it was agreed that the meeting be arranged for 4pm on the 15th December, 1983. It was also decided that the Luthuli Services Solicitors be invited to attend the Extra-ordinary meeting.

3. SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

The Director informed the meeting that provision of scholarship assistance had now been started. He reported that eight scholarships had been awarded, five at the University of Lesotho and three at the University of Zambia. He informed the meeting that there were three more students who needed scholarships, two at the University of Lesotho and one at a Secretarial College in Tanzania.

The meeting authorised the Director to add these students to the students supported by the Luthuli Services.

The meeting discussed the scholarship awards selection procedures drafted by the Director. After a detailed discussion these were amended and the chairman was entrusted with the task of overseeing the final formulation of the selection procedures.

The meeting elected prof. Michael Dummett chairman of the Scholarship Awards Committee. The other members of the committee are Prof. Shula Marks(Director: Commonwealth Institute of Social Studies) Dr Sam Nolutshungu(Lecturer : University of Manchester)M. Seretse Choabi (Director:Luthuli Services)The meeting instructed the Director to write to Prof.Michael Dummett informing him that he has been appointed chairman of the Scholarships Committee.

The meeting noted that the Otto Benecke Foundation and the Austrian Government were giving consideration to supporting the Luthuli Services Scholarship Programme.

The chairman proposed that the Director should in future hold regular meetings with either the Treasurer or the Chairman to assist him with the burden of his work. This was agreed to by the meeting.

4. MINUTE BOOK

The chairman proposed that the minute book be obtained from the solicitors and that it should be permanently kept at the offices of the Luthuli Services. This was agreed to by the meeting.

5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Council of Management should provisionally be scheduled for 2.30pm on the 20th February, 1984.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT.

1. Fundraising.

From the time of the last meeting of the Council of Management which took place on the 19th March, 1983 the major area of activity has been fundraising. Contact has been made with the representatives of the Governments of Australia, Japan, Austria, Greece, Belgium, Ireland, Spain, Canada, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, and the United Arab Emirates. Appeals for financial support for the programmes of the Luthuli Services have been addressed to the Governments of these countries through their embassies in London. The responses of these Governments are still being awaited. The Commonwealth Secretariat has also been approached with a request for support for the Luthuli Scholarship programme. Their response is also still being awaited.

Since the time of the last meeting of the Council of Management funds have been received as follows:

ANC	£5,000	(Administration)
Church of Sweden Mission	£2,000	(Administration)
Joseph Rowntre Trust	£1,000	(Administration)
NOVIB	£22,563	(Scholarships).

The Ford Foundation have finally decided not to fund the Luthuli Services.

The major difficulty confronting the Luthuli Services in our fundraising drive is the scepticism of potential donors regarding the capacity of the Luthuli Services to operate effectively. These doubts are expressed in realisation of the fact that, apart from the Director, the Luthuli Services has no other full-time staff. Lack of proper official offices has also proved to be an additional disadvantage.

The viability problem of the Luthuli Services due to the lack of proper offices and staff has been raised with the ANC. It is hoped that the formal response of the ANC to the request for the provision of Administration funds to the Luthuli Services will be known by the time of the Annual General Meeting on 26th September, 1983.

2. Scholarship Programme.

The Luthuli Services has received funds amounting to £53,552.70 for the Scholarship programme. These funds have been donated by the Dutch Government and are to be used for sponsoring students studying in Africa.

In preparation for the operation of the Scholarship programme Administration Guidelines for the Scholarship Awards Committee have been formulated. It is planned that the first group of students to be sponsored by the Luthuli Services should be those commencing their studies in the academic year beginning October, 1983. The Luthuli Services is presently being assisted by the ANC Regional Education Committees in Africa to identify needy students requiring sponsorship. Four

students have already been identified who have been admitted to the University of Zambia. Decisions on other applications for admission to the University of Zambia are still **being** awaited. Lists of South African students needing Scholarship Sponsorship at the Universities of Lesotho and Botswana are expected from the Regional Education Committees of these countries. Upon receipt of the final list of students requiring sponsorship the selection of those to be sponsored by the Luthuli Services will be made.

3. Otto Benecke Foundation.

Discussions are continuing between the Luthuli Services and the Otto Benecke Foundation who are considering financing a Scholarship programme for South African students. The programme is intended to effect sponsorship for up to 200 students and is to be executed by the Luthuli Services. The students to be sponsored will be those studying in Africa. The Otto Benecke Foundation are also considering sponsoring 50 students for vocational courses to be undertaken in West Germany. These students are to be nominated by the Luthuli Services.

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SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME(FURTHER REPORT)

A.

Since writing the scholarship report contained in the Director's report there have been further developments. The regional education committees in Zambia and Lesotho have identified students admitted to the Universities of Zambia and Lesotho requiring financial support. These students who have been enrolled to take up studies during the current academic year which commenced in September, 1983 required funding urgently. Those admitted to the University of Zambia were excluded from attending lectures until their fees had been paid. The threat of exclusion from classes was also a real possibility for the group admitted to the University of Lesotho.

Upon receipt of the urgent appeal for assistance from the regional education committees, the Director recommended to the Chairman that these students be financed by the Luthuli Services. This recommendation was made in the light of the fact that the Council of Management at their meeting held on the 19th March, 1983 had decided that practical steps be taken to ensure that the Luthuli Services actually provided scholarship assistance to needy students as a matter of priority. A ruling by the chairman was thus sought to authorise the sponsorship of the students. In all there are 8 students— 3 at the University of Zambia and 5 at the University of Lesotho. The cost is £2,100 per year. These students are being sponsored initially for one year. Efforts are being made to raise additional funds to guarantee financial sponsorship of these students during the second and the third years.

The scholarship funds remitted abroad total £11,194.73. These are as follows:
£1,562.26 Fees for 3 students (University of Zambia)
£9,632.47 Fees for 5 students and part maintenance allowance (University of Lesotho)

According to the Zambia regional education committee it is anticipated that more students needing financial support are expected to become known during the current academic year. Three students have already been identified. These students are enrolled to do vocational courses in Africa. The courses commence in January, 1984. one other student has recently been enrolled to do a one year secretarial course in Tanzania. This student is in need of financial sponsorship. The total cost of this course is 7,160 Tanzanian shillings (about £480). It is recommended that this student be sponsored by the Luthuli Services.

B. Scholarship Administration Procedures.

Scholarship Administration procedures have been formulated and circulated. In terms of these draft procedures a scholarship awards committee is to be established. The task of this committee is to consider scholarship applications and to decide upon them. It is understood that any member of the Management Council

who wishes to attend the meetings of the scholarship's committee will be free to do so. The membership of the Committee includes the following:

Dr. Shula Marks(Director:Institute of Commonwealth Studies)

Dr. Sam Nolutshungu(Lecturer:Iniversity of Manchester)

Mr. M.S. Choabi (Director:Luthuli Services)

C. Austria.

The Austrian Government is currently considering supporting a scholarship programme for South Africans to be administered by the Luthuli Services. It is proposed that under this programme students should be sponsored in Europe and in Africa.

D. Holland.

NOVIB who have already made sustantial contributions to our scholarship programme have decided to make a further contribution towards the Scholarship programme. The contribution which is still to be received amounts to 90,000 Guilders(about £20,000)

AGENDA

1. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING HELD ON THE 14th JANUARY, 1986.
2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.
3. CONSIDERATION OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT.
4. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN.
5. APPOINTMENT OF TREASURER.
6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.
7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.