

NPSC Committee Meeting Minutes – 10.08.2025

Present: Andrea, Brian, Caroline, Lesley, Luisa, Maryam, Mary, Nilu (slightly late)

Apologies: Beren

1. Minutes of Last Meeting & Update on the Actions from the Last Minutes

- All agreed on the minutes. Actions that have taken place since then have been successful. Luisa did the infographic as stated in minutes.
- **Remaining actions:** *Andrea still to ask the community about what to do on the 23rd (this is answered later in Upcoming Events). 13th September counter demo against Tommy Robinson – shall we run a coach?*
- Andrea has made headway with Ahmed's mum; Lesley mentioned the Red Cross Family Finding scheme which could be useful – Lesley to contact them.

2. Upcoming Events August and September

- 13th and 17th September
Don't Buy Apartheid events
Action: *Maryam to post her infographics on WhatsApp.*
- 16th September
National 'Stop Arming Israel' Protest at RAF High Wycombe is too far away for us to run a coach.
→ Local demo in Norwich 'Fight the Ban' – we need to be clear with supporters about what placards are allowed to say as the risk of arrest is very high. All agreed to suggest this action to supporters and make it clear that placards are at their own risk. As members of the PSC committee we represent PSC and need to be extra careful.
FYI: Lesley Graham from Norwich was arrested at the Fight the Ban protest in London.
Action: *Luisa to make an infographic for the 'Fight the Ban' protest.*
- 23rd September – National Day of Action
Action in town or in Great Yarmouth at 'Spectrum' (company that supplies war planes for Israel) → Andrea to contact Claire in Lowestoft and Peterborough to suggest a joint action. Also invite STW, CND, campaign against Arms Trade and any other relevant groups. Maryam to contact Josh who had a meeting about 'Spectrum' recently.
- 30th August – Naima's Concert in Waterloo Park in August
Andrea has not heard anything back from Naima since the last meeting.
If this doesn't take place, we could do a crafting event to create merch for Burston. Andrea suggested getting a badge maker (if finances allow), kids could design their own badges. Also kite-making.

- 6th September – National Demo, London
We could do a 19-seater coach, but we would need stewards to go along → ask the community for volunteer stewards.
- 7th September, Burston Rally
Andrea will be split with NEU and SUTR. We will have a stall next to Norfolk Divest and Peterborough might join our stall.
Actions: look for second-hand books about Palestine to sell at the stall. Raffle: go to places for vouchers (Luisa to Greengrocers, Head in clouds, Slice & Dice). TUC coach for all of us.
- 10th September – DSEI Arms fair demo
In London → Just let people know about it
- Stop Tommy Robinson Counter Protest in London – 13th September
Organised by Stand Up to Racism but no details yet
ACTION: Andrea to ask NEU or Unite for money for a coach to go to London → in September
- 17th September (Wednesday)
Trump's visit – we could offer to support people wanting to go to the demo with train fares etc.
- 20th September
Norwich Peace Camp, Octagon Chapel

3. Tuesday Branch Officers Meetings - committee members to attend by rota

4 people volunteered to go on the rota: Caroline, Andrea, Stefan (when he's back), Lesley, and Maryam, (with Luisa as backup). Andrea to share the link for the meetings in the committee chat for those that don't get the emails.

4. Don't Buy Apartheid Update

13th and 17th of August, more info to follow.

5. Update on National

Had an Emergency Meeting about the ban.

There will be training on direct action but no further information yet.

6. Treasurer's Report

Current balance: £1087.32 in the bank and £10 in cash.

£250 still to come from Unite Region for the coach in July.

£230 pounds of merch still to be taken off of that.

Fundraising:

Collections raised £101.32 in July and £372.22 on the 3rd of August. £151 was taken in sales.

- A subscription form has been created (to be put into newsletter and on the website and on Instagram)
- Applications for 2 more signatories (Luisa and Andrea) have now been submitted
- An external scrutineer has volunteered to check our accounts.

7. Organising Socials

There was a wellbeing session that Andrea attended, and they said they would keep doing these but probably on Tuesdays (which would clash with the Branch Officers meetings). Make the crafting event on the 30th of August the first social and try to have them monthly on the last Sunday of the month.

8. Secretary Roles to be disseminated

Rota for minutes as well: Luisa, Lesley, Nilu, etc.

Website enquiries should go to the secretary email as well (they currently only go to the chair and treasurer's emails).

Action: *Luisa and Lesley to meet up to pass over the secretary email.*

9. AOB

'Your Party' meeting at the FMH on Aug 23rd 2-4pm – someone to speak there. Great Yarmouth event should start early: 10 leave, 11-1 event, 2pm back in Norwich to attend the meeting.

10. Next meeting – 1st September