

**JEWISH NETWORK FOR PALESTINE STEERING GROUP MEETING**  
**2.00pm - 4.00pm Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September in room 227 at SOAS**  
**MINUTES**

**Present:** Linda Speight (Chair), David Cannon (Minutes), Natasha Camran, Jonathan Coulter, Haim Bresheeth, Hagit Borer and Les Levidow.

DC reported the resignation of Sylvia Cohen and Robert Cohen from the Steering Group due to personal reasons limiting their time and attention. JC was co-opted onto JNP's Steering Group.

**Apologies:** Merav Pinchassoff, Noel Hamel, Elleanne Green.

**Minutes:** Agreed and signed by Linda.

**Items:**

**1. COMMUNICATIONS**

i) **Facebook;** Dave encouraged Steering Group to react and comment on posts.

ii) **Kashmir;** Les had volunteered to write a post. But the BDS BNC had already published such a statement, so he provided the link and **Dave will** for post.

See <https://bdsmovement.net/news/solidarity-and-unity-opposing-global-militarization-bnc-statement-kashmir>

iii) **Google Group;** Dave reported a Member offered to lead on Social Media but lived in Thailand which was gratefully received but raised practical difficulties. Dave asked if 'join', 'donate' and 'unsubscribe' buttons could be incorporated automatically to all mailouts. **Haim & Hagit will** try to resolve inconsistencies. **Dave will** check who are administrators; agreed to list all Steering Group members attending this meeting. **Dave will** mail out Members' survey.

**2. BDS**

i) Dave, Haim and Elleanne attended demo at Kensington High St HSBC. First outing for JNP banners. Haim emailed Huda to discuss JNP/PSC cooperation.

ii) Dave reported a Member offered to lead on Cultural Boycott. **Dave will** accept and ask him to contact Artists for Palestine UK as a start.

**3. NETWORKING**

i) Dave reported constructive meeting with other, mainly Jewish, pro-Palestinian organisations. **Dave will** distribute minutes when finalised. Next meeting late October.

ii) Elleanne attended Frontline Club meeting with Jonathan Coulter et al. Initiative now with pro-Palestinian organisations. **Jonathan will** send 'evidence' paper to Dave. **Dave will** mailout.

iii) Islamic Human Rights Commission (IHRC) had requested a joint letter from Jewish pro-Palestine organisations denouncing the Board of Deputies. This is now an action point from Friday's meeting.

iv) **Les & Jonathan will** liaise about approaching Sabeel-Kairos for advice about getting Christian groups to divest. Les has already followed up Robert's proposal requesting a meeting.

#### 4. WEBSITE

- i) Haim will update.
- ii) Dave will circulate LAZIR web address for information.

#### 5. LECTURE SERIES

Haim will meet Dr Dina Matar of SOAS next week. Previously he was blocked from booking rooms for public events. But he is now being asked to find speakers for public meetings for October, November and December! Progress!!!

#### 6. BANNER

Haim will re-jig the design in light of suggestions and order two more banners.

#### 7. MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

- i) Immediate priority is to remove communication discrepancies.
- ii) Haim will draft and circulate a JNP leaflet for Steering Group comments.

#### 8. AOB

i) Concern was raised that officer positions had been decided too informally at JNP AGM. There should have been nominations, seconders and Members given an opportunity to discuss & vote. The strong opinion of the meeting was that Dave should continue as Chair in future. Linda agreed to take minutes in future.

- ii) Upcoming events;
- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Sept; Palestinian film 'Omar' 8.00pm at Goldsmiths,
  - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Sept onwards; Extinction Rebellion demonstrations,
  - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Sept; Greenwich & Lewisham Assange Campaign public meeting 6.30pm-8.30pm at Greenwich Forum, Trafalgar Road SE10 9EQ,
  - Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Sept; anti Boris demo in London,
  - Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> Oct; Puma BDS National Day of Action.

#### 9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- i) Haim will book a room at SOAS for Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October. The booking will cover the following two time-slots; 11.00am-1.00pm and 2.00pm-4.00pm.
- ii) Dave will ask pro-Palestine organisations to email their preferred slot to Linda. Steering Group will meet in the least popular slot.
- iii) Linda will confirm to all which room is booked and who is meeting in which time-slot.

Signed as an accurate record:

Date:

Name and position: