

See you on Saturday
Tuppy

Sexual Freedom Coalition Steering Committee

Minutes of the **First Meeting** Thurs 12th June 97

Attendance: Ted, Karen, Roxy, Tuppy, Spencer, Robert, Sam, David, Helen, Fia, Iain, Antony, Tim (Chair)

1) Gay Word debate — David reported that this will take place at 6.30pm on Wednesday 18th June at Central Station. Speakers: Ted, Rachel, Harry Fletcher (NAPO) Anne Keen MP (Labour Party) Grahame Nichols (NAPO, London). Topic "Changing our sex laws". David agreed to point out SFC members in the room for the Press to see us (so please do attend) and announce our Parade & Patition.

2) Strategy for Sexual Freedom Bill

Presentation of the Bill and Petition

Tuppy to re-format the Bill to make it look like a Bill.

Ted, Tuppy and Helen to carry the Bill and the Petitions in a box at the front of the Rally.

Publicity

Ted Goodman told us that Tuppy should deliver the Press Release, Petition, Bill and summary to Reuters at 85 Fleet Street on Friday at 3pm with a 24hr embargo on releasing the Bill. The press release to have names and phone numbers of experts eg Ted (legal expert) Tim (political expert) Antony (political expert) Rachel (Prostitution expert) Helen (Prostitution expert) Jahnet (?) Rona (prostitution expert), Nigel Skinner (prostitutes' client and disabled) Tuppy (Figurehead) Bella and Chad (moral experts) Dee (swinging lifestyle) Spencer (S/M lifestyle), Robert (S/M ??) Charlotte (S/M) ?

Photos of the main delegation to be included (eg Tuppy and Cynthia). Main mags (*Time Out*, *Big Issue* and Spencer's list to have Press Releases ASAP and on the Friday.

Press release to say we have the first thousand signatures, many more to come.

Spencer is Press Coordinator.

Roxy is in charge of putting pink wrist bands on people willing to speak to the Press who come on the March. Tuppy to write a crib sheet for everyone.

Tuppy to get copies of the Bill to be given to those people on March who are willing to speak to the Press, so press can have them.

Speakers at the Rally

We have Ted, Helen, Rachel, Bella, Tim, Cynthia Payne and Chad Varah.

Speakers should keep it short, use the megaphone. Tim to introduce speakers.

Tuppy to phone the secretaries of any MP who might possibly speak at the Rally, eg: Colin Twig, Jeremy Corbyn, Wedgie Benn, Ken Livingstone and the out gay MP for Exeter, Ben Sherman (?). Tony Banks and Glenda Jackson. Also Lord Kenilworth but not Lord Longleat of mini-wives fame. Editors of *The Law* be invited to speak, also John Blandford.

Speakers may either come on Parade or be at (St James's Station) the Home Office at 4.30. Somebody should be there to welcome them.

Strategy for Sexual Freedom Bill

To contact all MPs (encl a spare stamp for the letter to be forwarded) 14 days before the end of the summer recess (ends 18 Oct — call 219 3000 to check) and send all of them the Bill plus summary with a reply paid card requesting their views.

David has the means to do this mailing and will handle it.

3) Parade

Tim reported his liaison with the cops, council etc. He'd persuaded them to let him have the desired route but no floats.

(1) Structure: delegation, SFP, SFC, PP, Outrage, Spanner, Outsiders, the rest

(b) speakers to the media to wear pink wrist bands and have crib sheet

(c) Iain to make asses head and Butterfly outfit for Rachel

(d) Sam is safety officer

(e) Helen and Fia to make prostitution Pride banner in red and purple using Butterfly logo.

(f) Songsheet with etiquette rules and summary of what it's all about handouts to be composed and printed.

(g) Karen will give out pink leaflets to public (with one other)

(h) stewards still being recruited in case with have a larger turn-out than expected. Each is being given a letter, structure details, map, police guidance and T shirt (to be returned to coalition).

(i) musicians and singers to be recruited (Hilary and Nicola)

(j) Sexual Freedom Parade banner being made at Tuppy's on Tuesday

4) Picnic

Any signatures to be gained on the day should be done at the picnic and go off in the next batch (we need a volunteer to do this).