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Jubilee Debt Coalition
Minutes of Extraordinary General Meeting of 13th October 2005
which took place at The Grayston Centre, 28 Charles Square, London N1 6HT

Present

Jonathan Glennie, David Golding, Merryn Hellier, Bandula Kothalawala, Androulla Kyrillou, Audrey Miller, Stephen Rand, Marylyn Rayner

In attendance: Susie Broadley, Helen Campbell, Caroline Pearce, Trisha Rogers

1. Apologies for absence

Sam Mondle, John Cope, Jenny Humphreys, Fleur Anderson, Bill Peters, Abdul Aziz, Kees Maxey, Joanna Brown

2. Consideration of the resolution: 'We resolve to change Article 25 of the Articles of the Jubilee Debt Coalition from "The Charity shall have a Board comprising all the Members of the Charity for the time being. The number of Trustees shall never be less than three provided that there shall always be a minimum of three Trustees who are not Directors of Jubilee Debt Coalition (CRN3226857)." to "The Charity shall have a Board comprising all the Members of the Charity for the time being. The number of Trustees shall never be less than three."'

- Trisha Rogers (TR) explained the background to the existence of the two separate organisations, Jubilee Debt Campaign and Jubilee Debt Coalition. All Board members are currently directors of both organisations.
- In practice all our work is done through the charitable organisation, the Jubilee Debt Coalition, but Jubilee Debt Campaign is registered with the Charity Commission as an allowable name.
- The two names cause complications with supporters and with funders.
- All JDC's work qualifies as charitable under current Charity Commission guidelines. Our aim is charitable - the alleviation of poverty - and campaigning for debt relief is simply the means by which we seek to achieve that aim. It is for this reason that we have been doing all our activities through the charity for some years now.
- At the last Board meeting TR was asked to speak to other charities in a similar position. WDM receive donations through their charity but all their work other than teaching is done through their non-charitable arm. This is how they secured the freedom of being able to do what they want in their campaigning over many years. Amnesty International UK also does most of its work through its non-charitable arm, for the same historical reason. Also it is only recently that promotion of human rights has become an allowable charitable activity. AI-UK have a very complicated structure and it would require thousands of people to agree to any change.
- TR has consulted a solicitor who agrees that TR's proposals would be a good way ahead, i.e. to close down the Campaign and do all our work through the Coalition. To do this requires a slight revision of the articles of the Jubilee Debt Coalition to remove reference to the Campaign. The charity would then become a free-standing organisation. The company (Jubilee Debt Campaign) would be closed. Our bank and Companies House have no issue with this proposal. If the Board so wishes, the bank will be prepared to accept cheques made out to "Jubilee Debt Campaign" for the account of Jubilee Debt Coalition (for which Jubilee Debt Campaign is an allowable name registered with the Charity Commission).
- TR **PROPOSED** that the Articles of Association be amended as outlined.



- TR explained that if, in future, the organisation needed the scope to any kind of work which would not be allowable under charity law, we can open a new company quickly and cheaply.
- David Golding expressed thanks to TR for sorting the issue out.
- Bandula Kothalawala asked whether TR had spoken to the Charity Commission about this. She had not, because the solicitor had advised her that this was unnecessary, as we are not changing our Objects. There is no need to change the Objects of the Charity as Object (o) is already a "catch-all". As a matter of courtesy, we will inform the Charity Commission when the Articles are changed.
- Stephen Rand highlighted the fact that our official name would be Jubilee Debt Coalition but we would function publicly as the Jubilee Debt Campaign. This is a slightly anomalous position, although what we have been doing for the past few years.
- It was **AGREED** by all Board members present that the Articles should be amended as outlined. Those unable to attend had sent no comments on the proposals.

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THE COMPANIES ACTS 1985 & 1989
COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

MEMORANDUM & ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

OF

JUBILEE DEBT COALITION
(as amended by Special Resolution dated 6th December 2001
and by Special Resolution dated 13th October 2005)

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