

**SHA Central Council Meeting
September 9th 2023**

	Minutes/Action	Owner/Volunteers
1	<p><u>Welcome</u> by the Chair and apologies from non-attendees.</p> <p><u>By-election</u> Congratulations were offered to Rathi Guhadasan by the Chair on behalf of CC on her election, unopposed, as a vice-chair</p>	Chair
2	<p><u>Correspondance</u> items raised since the the agenda was sent out</p> <p>a) Judith Wardle has written an obituary for Doug Naysmith a past President of the SHA. It was agreed that Brian Gibbons will make additions on his political and public health legacy and it will then get published as a blog on the SHA website.</p> <p>b) It was agreed to support the motion proposed by the Society of Socialist Lawyers “Towards a National Legal Service” and vote for it on the conference floor.</p> <p>c) Tony Beddow talked about the government proposal re professionalisation of NHS management since the Lucy Letby case. The CC agreed to look into it further and keep watch on further policy developments</p>	Steve Fairfax (Proposer)
3	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>More detail requested.</p> <p>Amended to reflect agreement for clearer electoral procedures. To be dealt with at next CC. Noted complaint of layout in 2 columns - considered more difficult to read. Agreed to return to single column format.</p>	
4	<p><u>NHS 75</u> Report was given on the two events in London and Durham. We reached out to some 250 people and generated considerable social media material. Many, many thanks to those involved. Rada is producing a document on the events. Much of this material is now on our website and YouTube channel</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/@socialisthealthassociation3677</p>	
5	<p><u>Co-option</u> It was proposed that two SHA members be co-opted to the Central Council to strengthen areas of our work. It was agreed by CC that Mark Inch who is a clinical scientist from Portsmouth (work on union collaboration) and Cllr Teresa Cairns (food poverty campaigner in Newcastle) be added. AGREED.</p>	
6	<p><u>Treasurer’s finance update</u> sent by Esther Giles was accepted by the CC</p>	
7	<p><u>SHA capacity to campaign.</u></p> <p>Currently the SHA has no employees, just contractors. CC was asked to permit directors to move to employment status for 2 contractors currently each working 0.4 wte. It was proposed by Brian Gibbons and others on CC that a short paper is written</p>	Directors

	<p>detailing the proposal by the directors and presented at an extra CC meeting for the discussion.</p>	
8	<p><u>Website budget</u> The officers asked CC to approve an increase to the budget for the website update and ongoing management from £1,000 to £2,520. The 2021-23 budget was £4,000 and £1,962 was spent - an underspend of £2,038. This was supported by the CC</p>	
9	<p><u>Social Media</u> It was reported by the Chair that SHA Social Media content has had considerable improvement, however further work is needed to build up outreach and CC and other members were encouraged to assist with this task by sharing and liking social media outputs. Platforms Facebook, X (twitter) and instagram..</p>	
10	<p><u>Action Network:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) It was agreed by the CC that any new members should only join online via Action Network and current members to be strongly encouraged to renew membership via Action Network; b) It was agreed that our contractors work for two days to develop Action Network into an effective campaigning system at a cost of £775 per day; c) It was decided that directors investigate whether Action Network is the most effective tool for management of SHA membership and also to consider other platforms. Therefore further work on the system costing £5425 (excluding VAT) to be halted for now as this is significantly over the budget. 	
11	<p><u>Branches</u> A proposal for creation of a new Cumbria branch and Coventry branch was accepted by the CC. Additional proposal for creation of a big SE regional branch involving the merger of functioning and non functioning branches was also accepted by CC</p>	
11	<p><u>Labour Conference</u> The Chair reported on Lab Conf & fringe events: Two Events are planned; 1) In partnership with TWT at evening of Sunday October 8th, Speakers include Bell Ribeiro-Addy MP, a medic, and a Liverpool hospital campaigner, to be chaired by Pat Schan CC member and retired midwife campaigner. 2) At Tate Liverpool evening of Monday October 9th, speakers include an MP(TBC), a speaker from End the Social Care Disgrace, and a speaker on mental health, to be chaired possibly by Mark</p>	

	Ladbroke. The CC also agreed for SHA to co-sponsor the march for saving the Liverpool Women's Hospital	
15	<u>Endorsing candidates</u> The process for endorsement of candidates for public office by the SHA noted also we recognised it needs to be published more prominently on the SHA website.	