

05 February 2007

**BGWS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT GURKHA BHAWAN ON SATURDAY 20
JANUARY 2007 AT 1000 HOURS – RECORD OF DECISIONS**

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1	<p><u>Opening Remarks.</u> The Gen Sec opened the meeting at 1030 hrs thanking all those in attendance. He then read out the names of Area Reps (AR) who due to work commitment were unable to attend. (Afternote: All Committee members are requested to adopt this practice)</p>	
2	<p><u>Radio BGWS.</u> The Media Director was pleased to announce Radio BGWS's launch from 28 Jan 07 until 23 Feb 07. During this trial period, listeners within range distance will be able to hear it on FM 87.7 mhz. Those outside the range can tune in from the internet accessible from www.bgws.info. Radio BGWS is also the only Nepalese radio station in the UK to be aired on FM band.</p> <p>Afternote: The Chairman took the opportunity to thank the Media Director and his able staff (all volunteers) for their hard work over the past year in achieving this feat.</p>	All
2	<p><u>Treasurer's Update.</u> The Treasurer gave his update on our fund's current state. He then stressed that ARs inform all their local members a total sum of £10,906.92 was spent on transportation and administration on March to No 10 Downing Street on 14 Dec 07. He further covered the following:</p> <p>a. <u>Cheque Bounce.</u> This is still an ongoing 'headache'. To avert repetitions, it was agreed by all that with immediate effect where possible subscriptions are to be paid in cash only. Those who opt to pay by Standing Order on a monthly basis should contact the Treasurer on 07886084951 prior to making an arrangement with the bank.</p> <p>b. <u>Widow of Late Kailash Bakhim.</u> Mrs Yubakumari was handed a cheque for £2092 by our Chairman to cover the cost of her previous house rent and utility bills. The Society is also the official guarantor for her council house. Mr Ganga Limbu is the nominated liaison representative and is to inform the Society of any changes to her current circumstances.</p> <p>c. <u>New Membership.</u> It was also agreed that ex servicemen who have acquired ILR through other means in the UK may apply for membership provided that they are willing to invest in the BGWS property by purchasing one share. Payment can be made on an instalment basis for which the AR will be held responsible for timely payment.</p> <p>d. <u>OISC Advert.</u> In order to bring the cost down, it was agreed that the OISC advert should only be published once a month in Europe Nepali Patra. It was also clarified that Europe Nepali Patra is not a BGWS investment.</p>	All
3	<p><u>Chairman's Update.</u> The Chairman spoke on the following:</p> <p>a. <u>Area Representatives (ARs).</u> He thanked all ARs for their hard work and commitment towards the cause of the Society thus far and asked that they continue to do so. The following ARs owing to their personal reasons have handed in their resignation which have been accepted:</p> <p>Mr Prem Gurung – AR Hounslow London Mr Amrit Gurung – AR Folkestone Mr Bishma Rai – AR Maidstone</p> <p>The Chairman on behalf of all members thanked them for their outstanding contribution.</p> <p>b. <u>Property Treasurer.</u> Mr Padam Rai BEM was declared as the Property Treasurer with immediate effect. He is to liaise with the Treasurer regarding his new responsibility.</p>	All

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	<p><i>Continued from serial 3 above.</i></p> <p>c. Petition. The Society will despatch a copy of the Petition handed over to PM Mr Tony Blair on 14 Dec 06 to all the 650 MPs in the UK. It is hoped that this would be completed by 10 Feb 07. To date, the Prime Minister has not replied to our petition.</p> <p>d. ILR/ILE. With the new criteria in force, he advised our members to inform others to wait for the outcome of our petition. Unless one of the 4 criteria laid is met, it is near impossible to be granted ILR/ILE as it stands currently. Wef April 2007. All applicants applying for ILE/ILR will required to submit a Life in the UK certificate. It is no doubt that ILE criteria will be the same however no information received on how they will conduct this outside the UK. Members will be notified once known.</p> <p>e. ILE for over 18 years. Our office in Nepal continues to receive applications with forged documents. He pointed out that those caught will remain black listed and will have no ground for appeal. He asked that parents adopt ‘honesty is the best policy’ principle rather than attempt fraudulent means. Furthermore, it also questions the credibility of the Society especially by the British Embassy who has been very helpful and understanding with our work.</p> <p>f. Peace March from Farnborough to Camberley. The Chairman issued a warning that we may have to march from Farnborough to Camberley so that the public will be made aware of our plight. Exact date and timing tbc however members are to remain on standby mode.</p> <p>g. Donation for VCs. The following VCs received the sum of NCRs 50,000 each from donation made by Mr Chris Duffy and BGWS: Mr Lachhiman Grg VC, Mr Bhanubhakta Grg VC Sadly Mr Tulbahadur Pun VC did not accept the donation as he was misled by his relative (Note: He has now been in contact with BGWS Nepal having changed his mind. This is however now left to be decided.)</p> <p>h. Parents/School. It was also agreed that parents evening for our families should be organised in the near future to educate both parents and children on local issues. With ever increasing complains relating to our teenagers perhaps it would be welcome option to introduce Youth club and encourage our children to join in the Cadet training.</p> <p>i. Annual Get-Together. It was agreed by all that our Annual Get-Together will take place on Saturday 21 July 2007 at the Oak Farm School. All members are advised to apply for their leave ASAP to avoid missing out. Official guest list to reach the Head Office by end of May 07. Once again, Mr Rajendraman Gurung saheb has volunteered to act as the OIC and will be supported by all ARs of Greater Rushmoor Area. (For Webmaster: Please publish this in our website)</p> <p>k. Communal Cultural Rep. There is a need for inter community social group to enhance our culture. As such all Jat community are requested to form a body to represent their culture, when required.</p>	All
4	<p>Area Reps (ARs). The following ARs are requested to confirm to the Chairman if they wish to continue with their current appointment: Mr Naresh Grg (Camberley), Khilendra Rai (Colchester) and Belbahadur Burathoki (London Rep) (Note: Gen Sec to contact and confirm)</p>	All
5	<p>There being no further business to discuss the meeting concluded at 1310 hours with a reminder that the BGWS Property Limited Meeting will be held at Oak Farm Community Hall on Saturday 10 February 2006 at 1330 hrs. The meeting is open to all Property Share holders. (Note: This information is also currently being broadcasted in Radio BGWS.)</p>	Property Share Holders

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General Secretary