

**BLACK PEOPLE’S DAY OF ACTION REVIEW  
& TOWARDS A NATIONAL AFRIKAN PEOPLE’S PARLIAMENT**

**Meeting Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2011**

**Queen Mother Moore School, Nelson’s Row, SW4 7JR**

**5:30pm – 8.30pm**

**Present:** Bro. Ldr. Mbandaka (Alkebu-Lan Revivalist Movement - ARM), Sis. Kai Ouagadou Mbandaka (ARM – Co-Chair), Sis Ekua Stanford-Xosei (Co-Chair), Sis. Charmaine Simpson (Black History Studies), Bro. Mark Simpson (Black History Studies - BHS), Bro. Omowale Kwaw (ARM), Bro. Olatunji (ARM), Bro. Nia Imara (National Association of Black Supplementary Schools), Bro. Tony Franklin (BHS), Sis. Olivia Haltman (AJAMU), Sis. Lorna Campbell (Public & Commercial Services Union - PCS/BHS), Sis. Sonia Scully (PCS /BHS), Sis. Azaniagem Greenidge (Living In Black), Eld. Bro. NNA Pepukayi (Pan-Afrikan Congress Movement), Bro. Minkah Adofo (Afrikan People’s Liberation Organisation/Pan- Afrikan Society Community Forum - PASCF/Global Afrikan Congress), Bro. Kapeni (ARM), Sis. Zola (ARM), Bro Kweku (ARM), Sis Kinaya (ARM), Jnr. Eld. Kwabena (African Presence Foundation), Sis. Winona (Alliance of Afrikan Women), Bro. Jaraad Abdalla (Croydon Afrikan Caribbean Family Organisation), Bro. Glenroy Watson (General Secretary Global Afrikan Congress), Bro. Kevin Bismark, Bro. Cornel Earle, Bro. Bevis Gooden, Sis. Funmi, Ras Kwende, Sis Jan (Lady Leo), Sis. Siherta Sekhert, Sis Wolete Gabreal (Ethiopian World Federation), Bro. Dillan Archer, Bro. Michael Thomas, Bro. Chionesu Mbanza (ARM), Bro. Rohan (ARM), Bro. Andrew Kerr, Bro. Space Clottey (Voice of Afrika Radio), Sis. Stephe, Sis. Edna Nafola-Mukasa, Bro. Grimm, Sefer Charles, Sis Yishibah (Hebrew Isralites), Sis. Miriam Murray, Bro. Norma Murray, Sis. Janet Hutchinson, Sis. Imani Quow (ARM), Bro. Tumani Joseph, Osagie, Bro. Nubian Emperor, Sis. Ama Duah (Omega Radio), Eld. Bro. Gamba Kokayi (ARM), Sis. Asantewaa (ARM), Nkechi Ode (ARM), Sis. Rachel Victor-Sampson, Sis. Hya, Sis. Amittai Lumumba (ARM), Bro. Don Brown, Bro. Anthony Kalu, Sis. Nia, Bro IX, Min. Hillary Muhammad (Nation of Islam), Bro. Dele Bolude, Bro. Lloyd Shakes, Sis. Ajua, Sis. Rochelle, Sis. Affiong (Moyo Wa Taifa), Sis. Nehanda (ARM), Sis. Anoa (ARM), Bro. Ike Quamina (ARM), Sis. Patricia Evans, Bro. Shomari, Queen Mama (QM). Nzinga Assata (Alliance of Afrikan Women), Sis. Amelda Inyang, Sis. Gladys, Sis. Yaa Mwana Hathor, Bro. Jay, Bro. Bakari, Bro. Paul Sumissi, Sis. Akua Boucher (ARM), Baba Hewie Andrwe (Queen Mother Moore School)

**Apologies:** Sis Jendayi Serwah (John Lynch Afrikan Education Programme), Bro. Obiang (Ajamu), Sis Sara. N (Omega Foundation), Bro. Tafadzwa ShakaRa Mbandaka (ARM), Bro. Christopher Icha (JetBlakInk)

| Item | Subject   | Action  |
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| 1    | <p><b>Chair’s Opening Remarks- Part 1</b></p> <p>Bro. Mark Simpson (Black History Studies) stood in as Chair until the arrival of Sis. Kai and Sis. Ekua. Chair welcomed those present and opened the meeting. He drew everyone’s attention to CODEX alerting attendees that CODEX had been planned over 100 years ago. Mark said that it was plans like CODEX that made it necessary for Afrikans to establish a National Afrikan (Black) Peoples’ Parliament in the UK (NABPP). Attendees were reminded that as a body politic, black people were the only ethnic group without an institution that works in our interests.</p> | <p><b>Distribute the minutes within 14 days of the meeting.</b></p> |

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|                 | <p>A question was asked to Bro. Mark about the meeting and its promotion. The chair explained that Was today’s meeting widely advertised. Answer Yes.</p> <p>QM Nzinga made a statement to the chair about her involvement in past endeavours and why do we start things and never seem to finish. We have been here before. Mark Simpson responded saying that we get so far as we usually are asking for permission to go further and we should not ask anyone for permission and just keep focussed to get the work done.</p> <p>Sis. Azaniagem complained that she had arrived from travelling from North London on a 2 hour journey to find the building locked and no one here at . No one here. She made a plea for meetings to start on time. Constructive criticism that there were 4 meetings scheduled before 2 March 2011 NBPDA. Minutes of 17 February not issued until 27 April. Request that any meeting minutes are despatched within 7 days.</p> <p>It was agreed that minutes will be circulated with 14 days of the meeting.</p> <p>Sis. Azaniagem also commented on only receiving the report of 2 March event on 7 April as she had not received it previously. She also asked for the distribution list to be reviewed (decision to be taken).</p> <p>There was a request to have the agenda issued before the meeting.</p> |  |
| <p><b>2</b></p> | <p><b>Devotion/Spiritual Focus:</b> Sis Affiong</p>   |  |
| <p><b>3</b></p> | <p><b>Chair’s Remarks</b></p> <p>Sis Kai Ouagadou apologised for late start. She explained that the reasons why the minutes have not been sent due to personal and community workloads. In setting up an Afrikan People’s Parliament, everyone will have to get involved. The more people involved, the quicker things will get done. We need people with skills or time or prepared to make time to help support the development of the National Afrikan Peoples Parliament.</p> <p>QM Nzinga asked the chair that the time of the original documents started the time of the meeting will be 5.00pm to 8.30pm but the agenda states that the meeting will be from 7.00pm to 10.00pm. Sis Kai agreed that this was a mistake and apologized.</p> <p>Sis Kai asked for permission for meeting to be taped and asked elders for permission for meeting to proceed.</p> <p>Sis. Azaniagem raised her earlier comments regarding the late receipt of the minutes to the minutes to the chair and asked where she should email her amendments to the minutes. Sis Kai requested that she send her comments to <a href="mailto:bpdamedia@gmail.com">bpdamedia@gmail.com</a></p> <p>Sis Kai thanked everyone for attending the meeting. We need to organise as a community, organised around an agenda to make sure as a community have a</p>           |  |

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|                 | <p>voice in this country, nationally and internationally. We realise that there is a lot of things happening on the African continent. We have not made a stand as a community on a National level to the bombardment and bombing of our people of African people in Libya and Cote D'Ivoire. We have made individual responses as organisations but not on a National level. It only because we are not organised and not working together as we should. It is urgent now and we must step forward and proceed as mature adults who are concerned with the present situation and the future.</p> <p>Sis Kai requested that we proceed in a positive frame of mind and to listen to what everyone has to say and not just to react without</p> <p>Bro. Mark stated that Bro Jnr. Eld. Kwabena made a good comment at the NOMMO session yesterday that the universe only gives back what you put out and so now that we are here, we need to put out positive vibes to get back positive vibes.</p> <p>QM Nzingha requested that everyone gives concise comments and feedback as we have done too much talking and we are here to take action.</p>   |  |
| <p><b>4</b></p> | <p><b>Approved minutes of meeting- 24/02/11</b></p> <p>We read through the minutes so that we could agree that they are an accurate record of the meeting.</p> <p>The following change would need to be made to the minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bro. Glenroy did give his apologies for this meeting and would like this to be reflected in the minutes.</li> </ul>   |  |
| <p><b>5</b></p> | <p><b>BPDA Review- Report from Central Organising Committee / Views from the community</b></p> <p><b>Report from Central Organising Committee</b></p> <p>Sis Charmaine gave some feedback on the website. It was decided in the Central Committee Meetings that we need to establish our web presence fast due to the short period of time we had to promote the event. Instead of creating a whole new website, Black History Studies took on the task of creating some pages on the Black History Studies website and to purchase the domain name <a href="http://www.blackpeopledayofaction.org">www.blackpeopledayofaction.org</a>. Over the weeks leading up to the Black Peoples Day of Action, we received over 900 hits to the website. We noticed peaks in the number of visits whenever there was a public meeting or radio interviews to promote the event. The promotion of the day was helped by our campaign on Facebook and Twitter. I was responsible for collecting the proformas on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March and over 100 people signed up.</p> <p>According to the completed proformas, the majority of respondents were male and aged between 26- 35 years of age. The marketing method that was the most effective was the NBPDA website, the NBPDA leaflet, Radio and Word of</p> |  |

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**Name two elements of the day you liked the best?**

- The level of unity and commitment amongst the organisers and the youth forum
- The Youth Panel
- The turnout to the march was fantastic
- Youth Panel: It was good to see people my age bringing about the change they want to see.
- The energy of all the speakers and organisations involved
- I liked all aspects of the day's events
- I had another wonderful day as I did 30 years ago. With emotions filled to the brim. Rastafari
- Organisation and unity
- The passion, commitment and unified message
- Remembering the New Cross Fire. The impact on the community and how despite the lack of social networks and the internet, we managed to galvanise 25,000 people. The general consensus from the panel and participating audience which identified the issues/challenges to our community and why the community needs to tackle these issues. Well organised and high standard of speakers. Beautiful event pertaining to the needs of the Afro-Caribbean community.
- The March and African people coming together
- All especially the short film by Bro. Menelik Shabazz.
- I appreciated the opening salutation by Bro Leader with the chants and invocation to the Creator- always powerful to witness.
- Unfortunately, I did not make it to the march. However, the conference provided lots of food for thought including the importance of unity amongst our Nubian people.
- Unity and Organising
- Libation and Blood Ah Goh Run
- The march, youth panel including the Q&A from youth. Sis Ekua, I feel so spiritually full.
- How we stood outside the house in memory. I just hope we as black people get justice for those that died at 439 New Cross Road and stand strong and proud.
- The actual march from Pagnell Street and the African energy I felt at the sight of the fire. The power of the Afrikan Drum and chants.
- The Young Peoples panel of speakers. They were all eloquent and inspiring. The keynote speaker was inspirational, articulate and on point.
- Africans coming together to make change the respect and peace. We command in what we do.
- The love felt and seen. The forward thinking and practical planning for the bright future.
- The ambience and power of the day was wonderful and inspiring
- The march allowed one to remember and reconcile with the journey of what happened
- Seeing various Afrikan organisations working together and making a stand for our future.
- I look forward to the development of the organising committee so that we can speak at out our reality and determine our future.
- The energy of the day was uplifting and I enjoyed the youth panel, it was

very powerful.

**Any Other Comments?**

- To provide a more comprehensive refreshment menu
- The event was not on schedule. Food did not cater for young children and it felt quite awkward.
- I look forward to being more involved through the year and onwards
- Let the adults speak to the youth on the panel
- Very inspiring
- We never had the time to put questions to the panel or the young people who posed questions
- Good opportunity to retain the unity. Need to build on African United Front (AUF)
- We need to look at the methods for rolling out this nationally
- To make the significance of 30 years more relevant, youth input may be required. Give thanks and praise for efforts that manifested in this glorious day.
- We must ensure that our history continues to be recorded for our future as a people. Sister Esther was awesome.
- There was so empowered me, seeing our people coming together, standing together and I hope from this day we can name it and claim it and keep on rising. Bob Marley says stand up but now, we need to keep on rising together! One love, one nation, one power, so let's start to organize and centralize.
- Black people uniting in discipline, love, peace, harmony and respect for our ancestors.
- I also appreciated the parents for bringing their children and encouraging them to take part.
- The day introduced me to so many interesting sisters and brothers who are determined to build a strong nation for our people.
- Such a beautiful day. Let's join together, do the work to our liberation now.
- Look forward to the Afrikan parliament and other ways we intend to organise and build our community
- Need to do this more often!
- Today was a powerful day for me and my family
- Esther was ideally selected to discuss the development of a National Black Peoples Parliament.
- The second part of the day's activity at JK Banqueting suite started 3 hours late on the important day with so much to discuss and understand what the peoples parliament is about it would have been good to start on time.
- Was a fantastic day, I feel honoured to be a part of it
- Give thanks to the organisers. I give thanks for being able to attend with my family. We must make a stand in all things that affect us. We can make a change for our youth and future generations.
- Very honoured to be part of this day. Hoping together we can put theories to practice.
- We have to remember, restore, reconnect and return.
- Excellent- let us take up the mantle for what our ancestors have built for us!
- Look forward to the next time we as Afrikan people can get together and draw our energy to Nation build!

Sis Sonia Scully gave us some feedback on her contribution to the NBPDA on

press and publicity. She sent press releases to all the media contacts that we had which included print media and radio. The following radio stations gave us some support in the form of radio interviews on stations such as Voice of Africa Radio, Galaxy, Street FM, BBC West Midlands, SLR Radio and OMEGA Radio. Advertising in the print media included the Voice Newspaper and the Trumpet. We made TV appearances on BEN TV and Don't Shoot the Messenger on Sky. Various members of the committee attended the various interviews to help promote the event.

Sis Olivia gave her report on Security and Stewarding. Sis. Olivia was head of security with 40 volunteers. There was only 2 certified security staff present. Everything in terms of security and stewarding was fine on the day and there were no incidents. She received one complaint about the route of the march as they were not sure that we were going to right way. We had a short period of time to prepare the volunteers for their role so next year we will need more time for training and more licensed staff.

Sis Kai asked Sis Ekuia to co-chair the meeting.

#### **Views from the community**

We opened the floor from feedback from the community on the Black Peoples Day of Action:

Baba Hewie: Stated that he always knew that we are a gifted, talented people and we can control ourselves. Some people have tried to get us to think that we are not capable but what is sad that over the year some of us have accepted what they say about us. He is tremendously happy with the young people on the day. The young people are the ones who will lead us through.

Bro Glenroy: Congratulated everyone on the event. There was a debate leading up to the event on whether we should march or not. Clearly this was the right decision and the event was successful. We requested that when we march we should make the march as long as possible and not be bunched up. Congratulations to the organisers and stewards.

Sis Azaniagem: She did not attend the march but only attended the conference. She was disappointed that there were not some draft aims and objectives of the National Afrikan People's Parliament. People would expect more than the proforma requesting feedback and contact details.

Sis Akua: She was one of the stewards on the day and thought the day went very well as we did not have much time to plan. She felt very proud to be part of the march. If this is an ongoing march, when will we start planning the march as we needed more time to organise?

Bro Nia: He was a steward on the day. He gave thanks to Bro. Glenroy for handing out the horn blowers free on the day of the march.

Bro Anthony Kalu: Would like to say thank you for organising the BPDA. We

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|   | <p>don't want to dwell on the BDPA as he would like to know more about the National Afrikan Peoples Parliament.</p> <p>Sis Patricia: Stated that the meeting needs a microphone so that everyone can hear the comments made.</p> <p>Sis. Jan: She found the day very inspiring. Her children said that they found the day to be "inspirational". On the day, we encouraged our parents to take our children out of school but it would have been nice for one of the elders explain to the children what the NBPDA was about. There were 29 children in attendance and it would have been good if they heard it from someone else other than their parents.</p> <p>Bro. Glenroy asked if someone would take responsibility for coordinating the contact with schools for parents to take their children out of school and would like someone to</p> <p>Sis Kai addressed the feedback given regarding no information on the National Afrikan People Parliament. We did not have any paperwork on the day mainly due to time. There was meant to a panel discussion from the Central Committee who would talk about the Parliament and take questions but because of time, we were not able to do this. As we had agreed to support the event at the Lewisham Civic Suite in the evening, we had to cut the event short. In regards to documentation, we would not have been able to go in depth as this is the process we are going through now in creation of the National Afrikan Peoples Parliament. In regards to organising the next event, we have already made a start. We have the template to build on from this year's event.</p> |  |
| 6 | <p><b>National Afrikan People's Parliament- the way forward</b></p> <p>The proposed concept, aims and objectives of the National Afrikan People's Parliament was circulated to the meeting participants.</p> <p>Bro. Ldr. Mbandaka said the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Black Peoples Day of Action was a resounding success and reminded people that the purpose of the day was about commemorating, evaluating, organising to liberate. We were remembering the 14 young people who died as a result of the New Cross Fire. We were evaluating the last 30 years and where we had come as a people and came to the conclusion that we were still facing the problems experienced 30 years old. We asked how did we get here and how do we move on from here? How do we organise to resolve problems that have faced us from the onset of slavery to present day?</p> <p>The Black Peoples Day of Action had to be solution based and had to be youth focussed. We do not want our youths facing same problems as we face today. This is the basis of a National Afrikans People Parliament.</p> <p>In this country other communities have their equivalent of a NAPP. We are the only community in the UK who do not have a representative body. We cannot</p>   |  |

continue without such a body that represents us as Afrikan People.

Bro. Ldr. Mbandaka read through the proposed concept, aims and objectives of the National Afrikan People's Parliament. We need to constructive critique any undertakings we do as a people. There must be two criteria that we discipline ourselves to operate by. One is that our criticism must be constructive and not antagonistic. Two is that our criticism must be accompanied by constructive enquiry – What can I do to help?

In principal, these are the proposal for the parliament. We will decide the structure for the Parliament. Everyone has a responsibility for determining the leadership structure. People will mandate these representatives to speak on their behalf. The beast selects celebrities to speak on our behalf. We do not accept MPs who do not have a relationship with Afrikan people can speak on our behalf.

Bro. Ldr asked for paper to be endorsed. Met with considerable applause and acceptance.

Sis Ekua opened the floor for feedback on the principles and aims and objectives.

Bro. Nubian Emperor asked some questions on the proposed aims and objectives. In regards to meetings at local or national level, what venues will we use as we don't have these venues available? Do we go to the UK government for rubber stamping or do we mandate it ourselves? How will we select the people on the Parliament: will they be elected or selected and who will form the election body? This proposal looks like an expensive project, is there a reparation fund to finance the parliament. This system can be replicated around the world.

Sis. Azaniagem: Because of work commitments, she is not able to be involved with the National Afrikan Peoples Parliament. In terms of constructive criticism, if people cannot offer a solution to criticism they may feel alienated. There will be differences of opinion and how we express ourselves is important.

Bro. Minkah: He welcomed the proposal put forward for NABPP and that is well overdue. As an organiser for some decades, we need to be very mindful of experiences of the past. If a Parliament is going to be successful, then it must be led by organisations. Organisations must be its foundation. We cannot create a structure whereby an individual will have the same say as a collective organisation. If accept that organisations are needed, we have a lot of work to do. Look at October to launch a conference via organisations. People have plenty of choice as to organisations. We must deal with bodies as opposed to individuals. People need to be accountable to the decision making. In terms of development of Parliament the issue – if we call ourselves Afrikan Parliament that we do not have illusion in our heads that we are going to be involved in any sort of liberation or advancement if we do not link up to motherland Afrika itself. As long as we do not see ourselves linked to unification of African, we

will not make meaningful progress. The parliament must have a global focus and an understanding of what it means to be Afrikan.

In regards to the NBPDA in 2012, it would be a mistake for us to look at 2 March as a rallying point for nation building. The most appropriate date we should focus on Marcus Garvey's birthday. We should have a procession with images to celebrate us as Afrikan people.

Sis. Winora would like to know what power each organisation will have in terms of voting rights.

Sis. Wolete: – She disagreed with Bro. Minkah regarding Marcus Garvey day. Since 1948, we have celebrated Afrikan Liberation day and the 25<sup>th</sup> May 2011 should be the date to claim and celebrate. 25th May should be kept as our Sabbath.

Sis Yisibah: I would like to commend the members of the Central Organising Committee. She felt inspired and moved that out of the conference, there will be a Parliament set up. As part of the Hebrew Israelites, she has many skills and ideas to bring. Since 1967, the Hebrew Israelites have been running a Parliament.

Bro. Anthony: In response to the cultural, educational, political issues etc, when you see racism and oppression, you find it difficult to articulate. Can we discuss definitions for people that come fresh? He would like to volunteer himself to produce a glossary of terms.

Bro. Nia: The most important thing for me is the Youth Parliament. We need to bring through our youngsters through Parliament and get involved with politics. Look at the ways the young people get involved in the adult parliament in the form of rites of passage so they can join the adult parliament. In regards to dates, all dates are important and something should be done on each day.

Sis. Azaniagem: We have so many events in August. We should not focus on one date. We need to focus on 2<sup>nd</sup> March. There's not much going on in March for the community. The 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2011 should be used to recognise the importance of the BPDA and in remembrance of the victims of the New Cross Fire Massacre. We need to keep the memory of the young people alive.

Bro. Glenroy: In regards to the paper, we need to address why people have problems being called Afrikan. We need to have that discussion at some stage. The last statement in document should be elevated higher in document in that the international objective should be at the top. He supports the suggestions made by Bro. Minkah that NAPPP is based on organisation. It is irresponsible for people to put themselves to speak on their own behalf when we need to organise as a people.

Bro. Shomari: The NPP is overdue. We must focus on how do we apply our Afrikan cultural understanding in what we are doing? Most important time of

the year around the winter solstice, this is why Dr. Malana Karenga chose these dates to celebrate Kwanzaa. In our historical spirituality, there is a blue print how we achieve unity. We need to constitute or move towards that from the meeting a leadership council and a council of elders to guide process forward.

Bro. Kevin: I think there must be space for individuals in the Parliament. There must be a space for individual voices to be heard. We cannot at this stage afford to exclude anyone. If we are talking about popular democracy there must be a way an individual is weighted. Each person comes to the realisation of their consciousness with their own personal journey. That must be respected. It is for them to determine when they are ready.

Bro. Cornel: We have to get together and act together as a unit. We have to act as an organisation. In terms as an individual you can't have individual people stepping forward. Need to know how we are going to address issue of speaking to Afrikans in Afrika – particularly those who hang on to European structures. How are we going to get Afrikans to identify with movement?

Sis. Affiong: When we come to gatherings like this, it is important that we realise there has always been a process before now. The discussions we are having now have been had 100 years before. You don't continue to be an individual. If that mentality does not change we will forever have problems. Individuals have responsibility. We must not operate as an individual. It is your responsibility to find like minded people.

Jnr. Eld. Kwabena: We need to have a document that addresses how we make decisions and conflict resolution process. Usually at the first disagreement, everything mashes up. We need to include what is the highest principle. As Afrikan people, the collective is highest principle. In regards to the 2<sup>nd</sup> March, we have a link with our ancestors we will never be free until that link is reforged. If we do not honour 2 March, we will disrespect ancestors. It was 2 March that gave us energy to bring us to where we are.

Sis. Yaa: Spoke about the issue of individuality. Grateful for speech on collectiveness responsibility by Jnr. Eld. Kwabena. Not a member of group because of animosity. Until we learn how to deal with dispute it doesn't matter whether we are part of organisation – it turns into individuality. Pleased that out of our essence we will draw the leaders that will form organisation. We know people who are committed and we will identify. We will formulate way of dealing with disputes.

Bro. Dillan: Concerned with economic well being of Afrikans. Concerned that there is no mention of economics or financial education.

Bro. Kevin: I could have been misinterpreted. We have to understand how NAPP how it will work independently. All western Parliaments have individuals. How do we form a Parliament which is representative of Afrikans in UK without excluding anyone? Cannot we be creative and allow voice for individuals. If

only organisations were allowed – it would have excluded him and others.

Contact someone from West Indian Standing Conference.

Sis Ekua summarised the feedback on the principle aims and concept.

Bro. Nia would like us to put in place a strategy on how to deal with leaders from other communities.

Sis. Kai shared a contribution from Sis. Jendayi Serwah who is based in Bristol from the John Lynch Afrikan Education Programme stating that they continue to pledge their support the development of the NAPP. Asked for the committee to think consider ways to engage with members of the community across the UK who are not always able to travel. She would like the committee to utilise online facilities for consultations and closed discussions such as Doodle and Survey Monkey, teleconferencing and webinars, not to mention closed groups on Facebook. If we club together, this would be cost effective and would quell any arguments that the NAPP is being London-centric. We would consider hosting one of the meetings in Bristol.

Sis. Ekua stated that we will need to organise a strategic planning day to look at the structure of the NAPP.

Sis. Amelda: there is a West Indian Standing Conference tomorrow and would like to a member of the committee to attend and make a link with the chair person and the organisation.

Sis. Ama: In response to previous comments, there should be room for individuals. People who listen to her on Omega radio would not come here. How are we going to engage with them? If we have people led directives. Whatever the individuals have to put forward, it is in our interests to hear them and that this is something we need to take on board. We need to engage with young people.

Bro. Nia: we spend a lot of time talking over the same points so could the agenda be emailed out so that people can make their points in advance?

Bro. Ldr Mbandaka thanked Sis. Ekua for detailed summary. He paid tribute to all those who made 2 March 2011 a success. Liberation is a process not an event. We need to be disciplined to deal with principles; then deal with logistics. We can arrange a wedding but not talk about why we are going to get married. It is important to study proposals. We need to identify whether there are any fundamental omissions. Economics have been addressed in objectives.

In regards to conflict resolution, this will be addressed.

Over 80 people have attended the meeting today. People have responded to a call for a NAPP. Responding to a positive – not a negative. Most important thing that should happen in next 3 months. Everyone must take responsibility

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|          | <p>for taking process forward. We must promote NAPP to bring others.</p> <p>There will be a second part to today's meeting. Members agreed that we will come back in July with concrete development based on ideas as to what will happen today. Members were asked to complete the proforma to sign up to the NAPP.</p> <p>Bro. Ldr Mbandaka proposed that document is accepted as working draft to be built upon as to concept principles aims and objectives of Parliament. The document was approved by the members of the meeting as a working draft.</p> <p>Bro. Nia enquired that if we received feedback from other regions.</p> <p>Sis. Yesibah requested that we conduct a skills audit so that we can identify people who can help with the development of the NAPP.</p> <p>Bro. Ldr Mbandaka asked members if there are any events that need to be publicised.</p> |  |
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| <b>7</b> | <p><b>Fundraising</b></p> <p>At next meeting, we will discuss our fundraising strategy. Bro. Omowale requested that individuals make a minimum contribution of £10 and organisations will make a minimum contribution of £50.</p> <p>The total amount collected from the collection is £120.86.</p>  |  |
| <b>8</b> | <b>AOB</b>   |  |
| <b>9</b> | <p><b>Unity Circle</b></p> <p><b>Next meeting: 30/07/2011</b></p>  |  |