

**Minutes of the meeting of the Karten Network held on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2010 at the offices of RNIB, Judd Street, London WC1.**

**Present**

Dr Graham Jowett (Chair)  
Dave Fullerton  
Christine Price  
Tim Simon (in part)

**In Attendance**

Ceri Hibbert  
Angela Hobbs  
Ian Karten

**1. Apologies**

Mubina Asaria  
Ben Deakin  
Kate Gascoyne  
Melody Mew (Enham)

**2. Minutes of the last meeting (29.04.10)**

The minutes were accepted as a true record.

**3. Matters arising from the minutes**

Attempts have been made to contact David Shallish about his resignation /removal from the board and that according to the Articles of Association under paragraph 38(4) the Directors resolve that his office has been vacated.

**4. Chairman's report**

GJ announced that Michael Gove, the Secretary of State for Education, had announced this week that the Government will be taking a more centralised responsibility for the funding of post 16 year olds. Big cuts are likely to be seen over the coming months and GJ felt that Karten Centres would be most vulnerable.

GJ suggested that CH make contact with Maria Miller, the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Disabled People, who is also MP for Basingstoke. **CH**

As the number of CTEC Centres in the U.K. and Israel has now reached 97, GJ suggested the 100<sup>th</sup> Centre could be marked in some way, possibly by a press release.

**5. Network Manager's Report**

CH tabled her report on visits to existing CTEC Centres and the many potential CTECs in the pipeline

CH said that one of the Centres suggested that the Network may like to arrange for a small booklet to be produced about the Ian Karten story. CH **CH** to ask IK for the narrative written by Sally McKeown a few years ago.

## 6. Conference

Ch confirmed that she had booked the Conference for 25<sup>th</sup> October at Queen Alexandra College, Birmingham. CH is making good progress with the plans for speakers, exhibitors, etc.

## 7. House of Lords Reception

It was agreed that invitations will go out in September. CH and GJ to work on A and B lists which will be circulated to the board prior to the initial invitations being sent out. Once acceptances have been received the official invitations will be dispatched. CH was asked to approach our sponsoring Peer, Lord Greville Janner, for the keynote address. It was noted that Professor Rimmerman, Pauline Clay and persons whose lives have been changed by attending a CTEC Centre be included in the guest list. CH to engage a House of Lords appointed photographer and invite someone from the disability press. CH to visit the House of Lords before the event to check out the facilities etc.

CH/GJ

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## 8. Internship

CH reported that the internship with David McGrath of Belfast had worked well. David has asked for no remuneration for the internship so it was suggested that in recompense the Network pay the fees for a course which David would like to enrol. CH to establish the cost involved. CH to ask David to reflect on his internship and perhaps speak at the conference. A new web design intern will be appointed in September. CH to re-contact all applicants from earlier on in the year in order to allow the selection process to begin again.

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## 8. Any other business

DF reported that he would be contacting the Armed Forces to talk about the possibility of establishing Karten CTEC Centres in the four new retraining centres for "Help for Heros" which are currently being set up. Karten Trustees gave their approval for a proposal to be submitted should "Help for Heros" be interested.

DF

AH to ask RNIB whether, in return for the usual £1,000 donation, they would agree to the Network holding the next four quarterly board meetings at their offices at Judd Street.

AH

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.50p.m.

### ***N.B. Subsequent to the meeting:***

#### ***Dates of next 4 meetings***

*RNIB have given approval for our next four quarterly meetings to be held at their offices. The dates have been confirmed as 18<sup>th</sup> November 2010, 10<sup>th</sup> February, 28<sup>th</sup> April and 21<sup>st</sup> July 2011.*

*Therefore, the date of the next meeting is Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2010, at the offices of RNIB, Judd Street, London WC1. Please note that the meeting will not commence until 11.30a.m. due to the availability of the room.*