

# **SCOTTISH CND ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

**22 NOVEMBER 2008**

**STUC, 333 Woodlands Road, Glasgow**

## **AGENDA**

- 10.00 Registration, Tea & Coffee
- 10.20 Introduction (Alan Mackinnon)
- 10.30 Speaker Jackson Cullinane,  
Assistant Secretary T&G Scotland
- 10.50 Questions and discussion
- 11.00 Secretary's report and questions
- 11.15 Treasurer's report and annual accounts
- 11.30 Elections for Vice Chair
- 11.40 Workshops:
  - 1. Update on Trident & Trident Replacement  
(John Ainslie)
  - 2. 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of NATO (Eileen Cook)
  - 3. Nuclear Weapons Convention (Janet Fenton)
- 12.40 Elections for Members of Executive
- 13.00 Lunch (sandwiches, tea & coffee)
- 13.30 Proposed revised constitution
- 14.00 Resolutions \*
- 16.00 Close

\* The deadline for amendments to resolutions is Saturday 15 November. Amendments should be emailed to [scnd@banthebomb.org](mailto:scnd@banthebomb.org) or posted to Scottish CND, 15 Barrland St, Glasgow, G41 1QH.

## **NOMINATIONS FOR SCOTTISH CND EXECUTIVE**

### **Chair**

Alan Mackinnon

### **Vice Chair (2) \***

Isobel Lindsay  
Morag Balfour  
Eileen Cook

### **Secretary**

Allison Hunter

### **Assistant Secretary**

Janet Fenton

### **Treasurer**

Jim Taggart

### **Members (6) \***

Bill Ramsay  
Arthur West  
Martha Wardrop  
Tom Morrison  
Angela McCormick  
Adam Beese

\* Those standing for Vice Chair are also nominated as members of the Executive. The person who is not elected as Vice Chair will be added to the list of those seeking election as members of the Executive.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### **Resolution 1 from Scottish CND Executive**

The cost of Trident is increasing year on year. Next year we will be spending £2billion a year on Trident alone at a time when Britain's economy is sliding into deep recession, billions are being pumped into British banks and many people are at risk of losing their jobs, their homes and their pensions. Now more than ever, Trident is a weapons system that we don't need and can't afford.

Conference, therefore, resolves to:

1. emphasise the economic cost of Trident in campaigning over the next 12 months - cancelling Trident and withdrawing from Iraq and Afghanistan could help balance the budget and meet social need
2. organise a campaign to lobby MPs and MSPs to oppose Trident and its replacement to culminate around the time of the Initial Gate of the programme in 2009 and a future general election
3. build support for a Nuclear Weapons Convention especially among MPs and MSPs
4. develop our work with partners such as trade unions, churches, Nuclear Free Local Authorities, Scotland's for Peace, the Stop the War Coalition, the Scottish Parliament and the Scottish Government
5. continue the project of upgrading and maintaining Scottish CND's website and assist local CND groups to develop their own pages within it to advertise their meetings and campaigning activities
6. use social networking sites including e-mail networks, Bebo, Youtube, Myspace and Facebook to win support for the anti-Trident campaign and mobilise for events
7. develop campaigning work among students in Colleges and Universities
8. build new CND groups wherever possible and support existing groups
9. establish a regular public campaigning presence in the streets of all our major cities and use it, among other things, to build the membership of Scottish CND.

## **Resolution 2 from Aberdeen CND**

### **Missile Defence**

#### Conference Notes:

NATO plans to integrate theatre missile defence systems with US plans for Missile Defence bases in Europe to allow the US to pursue a programme to further their military and economic interests.

As described in the 2002 US Nuclear Posture Review, Missile Defence forms part of a "Strategic Triad" of "offensive" and "defensive" nuclear and non-nuclear high-tech weapons systems, enabling the prompt projection of overwhelming military power anywhere on earth.

Major goals of these policies and programmes include the protection of US troops, bases and interests world wide and to make threats of force, including nuclear threats, more credible.

Russia continues to oppose US Missile Defence in Europe and any Czech or Polish support for it and is pulling back from international treaties as a consequence.

#### Conference Believes:

International tensions are increasing as a result of the US determination to develop Missile Defence in Europe.

The proposed integration of NATO missile defence systems with US Missile Defence does not contribute to true security and is being used to justify continued development and deployment of the programmes.

The US development of missile defence is integral to US nuclear weapons strategy and plans for the further militarisation and eventual weaponisation of space.

#### Conference Resolves to:

Support the UK CND 'No to US Missile Defence' campaign as an important part of SCND's campaigning strategy.

Campaign against missile defence and the weaponisation of space wars at bases in the UK, especially at Menwith Hill and Fylingdales.

Support any UK CND sponsored tours of groups and individuals opposing missile defence, especially across Europe and in the US.

Challenge any proposals endorsing a NATO-led missile defence System in Europe and to debunk the idea that bringing Europe on board makes the system more acceptable.

Support the work of the Global Network Against Weapons and Nuclear Power in Space and Keep Space for Peace Week.

### **Resolution 3 from Edinburgh Stop the War and Edinburgh CND**

Conference notes that:

1. April 2009 will see the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of NATO celebrations in Strasburg
2. NATO has increasingly become the first choice for US intervention around the globe
3. The US strategy of the 'long war' aimed at strategic military dominance on a global scale is continuing to spread war and instability from Somalia to Pakistan
4. NATO continues to have a policy of first use of nuclear weapons
5. The spread of NATO (particularly recent events in the Caucasus) has increased the possibility of nuclear conflict

Conference therefore resolves to support the international protest on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> April by

1. Publicising the event to SCND supporters and affiliates
2. Organising transport to Strasburg
3. Working with British CND, the Stop the War Coalition and the organisers of the Strasburg protest to co-ordinate supporting activity in Scotland.

### **Resolution 4 from Adam Beese**

AGM notes:

That there is a perception that meetings of SCND Council have been unofficially abolished; with the previous SCND Council meeting took place in 2006

That there was an absence of a resolution to both the 2006 and 2007 AGM to permit the Executive Committee to disband meetings of SCND Council, as SCND Council meetings are outlined in Article 12 of the current (2005) constitution.

Furthermore, that there was no mention whatsoever, either verbally or in the form of a resolution, that as the SCND Council meetings mainly focused on campaigning issues, that this is now covered by the Campaigns Committee.

AGM resolves:

To formally disband the previous SCND Council meetings and merge the purposes outlined in Article 12 of the current constitution (2005) into the Campaigns Committee

Campaigns Committee will meet regularly and will be open to all CND members who reside in Scotland and also affiliated organisations too

Campaigns Committee will meet at the mid-point between the Executive Committee meetings, alternating between the two cities of Glasgow and Edinburgh

## **Resolution 5 from Jim Taggart**

Nuclear Weapons and the Struggle for Justice and Peace

**1. Conference affirms** that the overriding purpose of CND is to limit or restrict the means of warfare to exclude both the threat and use of nuclear weapons by the worldwide elimination of all nuclear weapons.

**2. Conference notes** that this purpose is highly specific and is distinct from humanity's longing and striving for a just peace.

**3. Conference also notes** (while rejoicing in and supporting struggles for justice and peace) that these continuing strivings take place within the context of a history that is ever being wreaked by exploitation, violence and war.

**4. Conference believes** that the universal establishment of justice and peace is a visionary or utopian goal which both lies beyond and transcends history. In contrast, the consummation of CND's goal, of limiting the means of warfare, lies firmly within the present historical context.

**5. Conference therefore resolves** to pursue the goal of the universal elimination of all nuclear weapons with single-minded determination and in the knowledge that failure in this task could lead to a world whose atmosphere could no longer support human life,

## **Resolution 6 from Jim Taggart**

### **Criminal proceedings against the Crown**

This AGM resolves that:

Scottish CND seek funding of £250,000 from the Rowantree Trust in order to raise criminal proceedings against the Crown in that the Crown has and continues to manufacture, maintain deploy and threaten to use nuclear weapons contrary to law and to seek interdict from the courts to prohibit the Crown continuing in these purposes.

## **PROPOSED REVISED CONSTITUTION**

### **1 NAME**

The name shall be the "Scottish Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament" (hereinafter referred to as SCND).

### **2 AIMS**

The aims of SCND shall be: -

(a) The unilateral abandonment by Britain of nuclear weapons, nuclear bases and nuclear alliances, as a prerequisite for a British foreign policy which has as its main objective the world-wide abolition of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons leading to general and complete disarmament.

(b) Opposition to the manufacture, stockpiling, testing, use and threatened use of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons by any country, and to policies of any country or group of countries which make nuclear war more likely, or which hinder progress towards a world without weapons of mass destruction.

### **3 ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP**

Persons eligible for membership of SCND shall be those who: -

- (a) endorse the aims of the SCND;
- (b) accept the Constitution of SCND;
- (c) pay the appropriate fee.

### **4 MEMBERSHIP**

(a) Individual Members. An Individual Member of SCND shall be any person who has paid the correct membership fee to SCND within the previous fifteen months.

(b) Affiliated Organisations. An Affiliated Organisation shall be any organisation which endorses the aims of SCND, has paid the correct annual affiliation fee within the previous 15 months and has been endorsed by the SCND Executive Committee.

(c) SCND Groups. A SCND Group shall have endorsed the aims of SCND, paid the correct annual affiliation fee within the previous 15 months and been endorsed by the Scottish CND Executive Committee. A SCND Group shall have a minimum of 5 individual members of SCND. A SCND Group may have members who are not Individual Members of SCND. Such members are defined as SCND Group members and have no membership rights outwith the SCND Group.

(d) Specialist Sections. Specialist Sections shall operate in the same way as SCND Groups.

### **5 MEMBERSHIP FEE**

The Annual General Meeting of SCND shall decide membership fees.

### **6 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

(a) The Secretary shall call an Annual General Meeting in the Autumn of each year. At least 6 weeks notice of the date, time and place must be given in writing to all Individual Members, Affiliated Organisations, SCND Groups and Specialist Sections.

(b) The Annual General Meeting shall be the supreme governing body of SCND and its decisions binding on SCND, the Executive Committee, Individual Members, Affiliated Organisations, SCND Groups and Specialist Sections.

(c) Voting entitlement at the Annual General Meeting shall be as follows

- (1) Individual Members of SCND with 3 months membership at the time of the Annual General Meeting are entitled to one vote each.
- (2) Registered SCND Groups are entitled to 2 delegates who are individual members of SCND.
- (3) Specialist Sections are entitled to 2 delegates who are individual members of SCND.
- (4) Affiliated Organisations are entitled to 2 delegates.
- (5) An individual may be a delegate from only one organisation.

(d) The Executive Committee shall agree the Agenda for the Annual General Meeting which shall include

- (1) a report from the Executive Committee
- (2) the presentation of an audited statement of account
- (3) the election of an Executive Committee for the coming year
- (4) competent motions from any individual member or organisation as detailed above
- (5) The appointment of an external auditor

(e) Nominations for the Executive Committee shall be notified to the Secretary of SCND not later than 21 days before the AGM.

(f) Resolutions to the AGM shall be notified to the Secretary of Scottish CND not later than 21 days before the AGM. Amendments to resolutions shall be notified to the Secretary of Scottish CND not later than 7 days before the AGM.

## **7 SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS**

A Special General Meeting may be called at the request of 50 Individual Members through a written request to the Secretary who must arrange a meeting for a date no later than 4 weeks from the date of receipt of the request.

## **8 THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

(a) The Executive Committee shall be responsible for furthering the aims of SCND in terms of policy, strategy, organisation and financial management. The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the SCND Office together with the employment of staff, the management of volunteers and associated matters.

(b) The Executive Committee shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting and shall comprise: -

- (1) Chair
- (2) 2 Vice Chairs
- (3) Secretary
- (4) Assistant Secretary
- (5) Treasurer
- (6) 6 other Executive Committee members

(c) The Executive Committee may co-opt up to 6 more members in order to achieve a balance of political representation, to promote equal opportunities and to recruit members with appropriate skills.

(d) The Executive Committee may appoint working committees. Committees so appointed shall report to the Executive Committee. Minutes of working Committee meetings shall be presented to the Executive Committee timeously.

(e) Salaried Staff do not have voting rights on the Executive Committee

## **9 FINANCE**

(a) All monies payable to the SCND shall be deemed payable to the Treasurer.

(b) The financial year of SCND shall be from 1 August to 31 July.

(c) The Treasurer, at every meeting of the Executive Committee, shall make a Finance Report. The Treasurer will prepare an audited statement of account to be presented to the Annual General Meeting.

(d) The Executive Committee, except in such cases as an Annual General Meeting may decide, shall have full control over all monies, funds, property, investments and securities of whatever kind and description belonging to SCND.

(e) The Executive Committee shall have power to invest the monies and funds of SCND as it thinks fit.

(f) The Executive Committee shall have power to utilise the funds and monies of SCND for the purpose of furthering the aims of SCND. All investments of whatever nature shall, where practicable, be taken in the name of the Chair, the Secretary and the Treasurer for the time being of SCND, or their successors in office as Trustees for SCND. No member of the Executive Committee shall be personally liable in respect of the depreciation of any investments made on behalf of SCND.

(g) The Executive Committee shall have full power to purchase, acquire, accept, whether by gift or legacy or otherwise, hold, sell, (whether by public roup or private bargain), excamb, feu, lease or otherwise intromit with heritable and moveable property and real and personal estate, including power to borrow on the security thereof and to grant and consent to all usual and necessary deeds in connection therewith, including dispositions and bonds, and dispositions in security leases and others as accord. The title to any heritable property or real estate belonging to SCND shall be taken in the name of the Chair, the Secretary and the Treasurer for the time being of SCND, or their successors in office as Trustees for SCND. The Chair, the Secretary and the Treasurer aforesaid shall have power to grant in accordance with a resolution of the Executive Committee and to execute all and any deeds as above-mentioned, and any such deed purporting to be so granted and executed shall be valid, binding and effectual notwithstanding any alleged irregularity or proceedings or otherwise concerning same.

(h) For the purpose of the foregoing, excerpts from the Minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee, certified by the Chair and the Secretary, shall be evidence of the proceedings of such meeting. A statement under the hand of the Secretary shall be sufficient evidence for all purposes as to the identity of the Chair, the Secretary and the Treasurer aforesaid for the time being.

(i) SCND shall not be liable for any debts contracted by SCND Groups, Specialist Sections or Affiliated Organisations or other bodies.

(j) All bank withdrawals and financial transactions shall require two out of three authorised signatures on the documentation. No claimant shall have the authority to sign cheques for their own expenses claim.

(k) If, and when SCND is deemed to have completed its objectives, any funds remaining shall be donated to an organisation agreeable to the membership.

## **11 BRITISH CND**

The Executive shall appoint individuals, who are members of Scottish CND, to be Scottish CND's delegates to British CND Conference and Council

## **12 CHANGES TO THIS CONSTITUTION**

Changes to this constitution can be made only at the Annual General Meeting, prior notice having been given at least 21 days in advance of the meeting.

## **13 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES**

SCND recognises its rights and responsibilities in terms of equality and shall endeavour to ensure it operates a comprehensive equal opportunities policy.

## **AMENDMENTS TO PROPOSED REVISED CONSTITUTION**

### **Amendment 1 from Jim Taggart and Helensburgh CND**

**Delete** 6. Annual General Meeting clauses c) 2), 3) and 4) and **replace** by:

*"2) Registered SCND Groups, Specialist Sections and Affiliated organisations are all entitled to 2 votes to be cast by their delegate(s) attending the AGM.*

*3) Registered SCND Groups, Specialist Sections and Affiliated organisations may be represented by up to 2 delegates at the AGM.*

*4) In the case of registered CND Groups and specialist sections, delegates must be individual members of SCND."*

### **Amendment 2 from Adam Beese and Edinburgh CND**

For Article 6 Section (c) (i) Delete the text ..."with 3 months membership at the time of the Annual General Meeting..." and substitute with the following text ..."in good standing..."