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PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT

CAP-1578

ASBESTOS INFORMATION COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting held at
Cape Asbestos Co Ltd, London W1,
on Tuesday, 27th April 1971

Those present:	M. F. Howe	T&N Ltd (in the Chair)
	Dr R. Gaze	Cape Asbestos Co Ltd
	A. A. Cross	Cape Asbestos Co Ltd
	D. Wright	BDA Group Ltd
	W. P. Howard	T&N Ltd (Secretary)
	A. H. Denny	T&N Ltd (Secretary)
	C. Mann	Hill and Knowlton (UK) Ltd
	A. Masterton-Smith	Hill and Knowlton (UK) Ltd

Apologies for absence were received from Mr G. S. Sutcliffe, (Chairman), Mr C. M. Fenton and Mr R. J. B. Stewart.

ACTION 673 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 27th JANUARY 1971

Approved.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

674 House of Commons (664)

WPH It was agreed to postpone indefinitely the suggested review meeting with MPs.

675 Symposium for Chest Specialists (665)

WPH To be put on the agenda for the next AIC Main Committee meeting.

676 Socio-Economic Study on Asbestosis (670)

GSS The Chairman would be speaking to Dr Gilson about this matter within a few days.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE SECRETARY'S REPORT

677 Film (SR 317)

A great deal of interest continued to be shown in the film. Two further orders for copies had been received from overseas and figures from Sound Services Ltd showed a high rate of viewing interest, particularly from technical and industrial organisations.

Film Producers Guild had reported that "Why Asbestos?" had not been chosen for screening at the 1971 British Industrial Film Festival.

Neither of the building member companies felt that there was any advantage to be gained by including sections of the film in the commercial newsreels produced by Architectural Newsreels Ltd.

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678 Editorial Publicity (SR 318)

Cuttings of the syndicated article were tabled.

679 New Scientist (SR 319)

WPH

Mr Howard would discuss the production of an article with Mr N. Valéry, Assistant Editor, New Scientist, based on the notes seen and agreed by the Committee. It was felt that when Mr Valéry saw the factual scope and breadth of the article and was told of the formation of the ARC Foundation in Edinburgh he would be more amenable in his views on authorship. It was agreed that Mr Howard would persevere with the view that a sophisticated article could only be written by leading experts in day-to-day touch with world developments in asbestos and health, in this case Dr Smither and Dr Holmes.

WPH

680 Daily Telegraph

WPH

Dr Gaze reported that the Scientific Consultant to the Daily Telegraph, Dr Michaelis, seemed interested in writing an article on the future of asbestos. The Secretary would approach the organising committee of the Louvain Conference to see if Dr Michaelis could be invited to the Conference.

681 Nature (SR 320)

Mr D. W. Hills was trying to persuade the editors to shortcut the publication schedule of this magazine in respect of the ARC Secretary's preliminary findings on the asbestos content of the urban atmosphere.

682 Press Advertising (SR 321)

Sub-
Committee

The new theme, "Asbestos - It's a Natural", was approved. The Sub-Committee would discuss textual details and visual treatment.

AAC

It was agreed to take a full page advertisement in the forthcoming supplement on protective clothing in Fire Protection Review. Mr Cross would make the arrangements.

683 Internal News Sheet (SR 322)

WPH

The need for a periodic news sheet for distribution within the U.K. asbestos industry would be reviewed in 12 months time.

684 Doomsday Book (SR 323)

CM

There had been no reply to a further suggestion to the publishers that a meeting should be arranged with the author. Mr Mann agreed to write to Rattray Taylor to suggest that he meets AIC members informally on his next visit to London.

685 Granada TV

Mr Howard reported that a Mr Creasey had been making enquiries about literature on asbestos and health. It would appear that Mr Creasey is a researcher for World in Action.

686 Literature Order Forms (SR 331)

DW

The ARC Secretary had questioned the wisdom of having one form which combines requests both for ARC and AIC literature, albeit on separate detachable pages. Dr Gaze felt that this point should be borne in mind when the forms have to be reprinted.

687 Asbestos Textbook (SR 332)

WPH

The Committee were not in favour of subsidising the publication of an up-to-date textbook on asbestos. However, the AIC would be prepared to give support if any external interest arose in sponsoring such a publication.

688 Educational Wall Charts

AHD

A further reprint would be ordered of the wall chart, based on an estimate of £145 for 1,000 received from the printers.

689 House of Lords (SR 334)

Sub-
Committee

Cape Asbestos Co Ltd would be willing to act as hosts to Lords Crook and Kennet and Baroness Summerskill at either Uxbridge or Park Street, whichever was most convenient. The Sub-Committee would draft the invitation for submission to Cape.

690 Department of Employment

Sub-
Committee

Use of the Factory Inspectorate's exempt list of asbestos products would be discussed by the Sub-Committee.

691 Public Concern (SR 344)

WPH

It was decided not to participate in the public opinion study being organised by Market and Opinion Research International.

MATTERS ARISING FROM OVERSEAS

692 USA (OL 24)

The state of affairs in New York where asbestos-based products, except brake linings, might be banned completely was of serious concern to all. Mr Howe had written to Mr H. McNabb, Chairman, AIA/NA offering the AIC's fullest cooperation.

Sub-
Committee

The Sub-Committee would consider a programme of action to be instituted in the event of asbestos spray being considered for banning in cities in the U.K. Initially a stand-by

WPH

It was agreed to circulate the Minutes of the main AIC meetings and the Secretary's Report to the AIA/NA, who have also agreed to do this in respect of their Minutes.

WPH

The Secretary would arrange to circulate the cutting from the Chicago Daily News relating to the possible ordinance on asbestos controls in Chicago.

693 Western Germany (OL 25)

There had been encouraging signs that the two asbestos associations in Western Germany were collaborating more closely than before.

694 Benelux (OL 27)

Hill and Knowlton (UK) Ltd reported that Hill and Knowlton Brussels would no longer be handling public relations for the Comité d'Information de L'Amiante.

695 Sweden (OL 28)

A conference on asbestos had recently been held in Gothenburg, sponsored by the Swedish Government Department responsible for the health of workers. The theme of the conference had been to encourage the use of substitutes for asbestos where possible and where this was not possible to use stringent precautions.

The tone of the conference had been generally reasonable, but there had been a strong attack on asbestos by the Safety Officer of one of the main shipyards. There had also been a programme on Swedish television about asbestos and sequences from "Why Asbestos?" were used in this programme.

MFH

Events in Sweden have highlighted the need for a Scandinavian information body and the Deputy Chairman would discuss this further with Dr Gaze.

696 General

MFH

Informal discussions would be held with representatives of overseas Asbestos Information Committees to explore ways and means of encouraging closer cooperation and assistance, including a possible conference of information bodies.

697 CONTACTS WITH LARGE CUSTOMERS

Mr Cross undertook to keep the Sub-Committee informed of meetings to be held and developments which might have arisen in discussions with large customers such as Shell and ICI Ltd.

698 FINANCE

The statement of expenditure for the year ended 31st March 1971 was submitted. The financial budget for the year ended 31st March 1972 was also submitted and approved together with the financial contributions of member companies.

699 ARRANGEMENTS FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WPH It was agreed to continue with the present arrangement of having the AGM in June, but the budget would be agreed at the April meeting each year.

700 DATE OF AGM AND NEXT MEETING

WPH To be held on Tuesday, 22nd June. Programme and venue to be circulated later.

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