

SOCIALIST ALLIANCE

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

For the year ended 31 December 2014

INTRODUCTION: ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

This Statement of Accounts provides a report on the political and financial activities of the Socialist Alliance (SA). The Socialist Alliance registered address is:

Email: [REDACTED]

For the purposes of the Political Parties and Referendums Act 2000 the responsible officers are:

Leader Pete McLaren

Treasurer – Pete McLaren

Nominating Officer – Gerry Byrne

Campaign Officer – Gerry Byrne

OVERALL REVIEW OF POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

The whole year was overshadowed by receipt of a legacy of £101,000 from Archie Dilloway in June, to be utilized 'solely for the purposes of the Alliance'. The SA confirmed at its AGM that its purpose has consistently been about building 'unity on the left' as part of the process of creating a new left party based solidly within the working class. In the present context it decided that the legacy be used to implement SA policy to support the largest ever co-ordinated left challenge in the 2015 General Election, as agreed at the 2013 SA AGM. This was a view publically shared by the Trade Unionist and Socialist Coalition (TUSC). As a result, it was agreed that it be TUSC candidates who will be the main beneficiaries.

The Socialist Alliance had once more set itself limited but achievable goals at the 2013 AGM, recognition of declining activity.

In relation to what was agreed:

- Socialist Alliance members have continued to work enthusiastically within the Independent Socialist Network (ISN), and SA national secretary Pete McLaren has continued to work hard within TUSC, as its Local Group Development Officer, and as Prospective TUSC Parliamentary Candidate for Rugby. The ISN receives reports from all TUSC Steering Committee meetings and acts upon them
- TUSC has not developed any permanent structures in the last 12 months, but an increasing number of local TUSC groups have developed and there is a greater desire to build more of them
- The Steering Committee has become more representative with the formal backing of the RMT re-confirmed at its Annual conference, and the admittance of more 'rebel' former Labour councilors

SA members have remained actively involved in Left Unity as well as TUSC, both within local LU branches, and, nationally. They have also been influential within the ISN. SA members succeeded in persuading the LU March Conference to agree to help create the largest ever left challenge in the 2015 General Election. However, the LU leadership consistently refused to implement that policy, and the best SA members were able to help achieve was agreement that LU General Election candidates could opt to stand as LU-TUSC, a minor victory in itself. SA members remain on the LU National Council, and, along with TUSC, the SA sees LU as a possible stepping stone towards a new, mass based, socialist party

ORGANISATION AND MEMBERSHIP

The National Executive Committee met twice, in line with the constitution. Every NEC member attended each meeting. The AGM was open to all members. The AGM elected a new NEC to administer the party. Members were contacted, by post, email and through our Discussion lists. Participation is encouraged through the long established SA web site which includes reports of meetings and Discussion Papers which promote debate. The web site is now more user friendly and informative

REVIEW OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

OVERVIEW

2014 would have seen a slight decrease in the Socialist Alliance's end of year balance had it not have been for the legacy. There was an increase in printing and stationary costs, travel costs and room hire as we had more meetings, and we also paid for the PO Box ourselves for the first time, as well as buying a printer. The SA AGM agreed to use most of the legacy to back the General Election campaign of the party most likely to unite the left as part of the process of building a new mass socialist party, and identified the Trade Unionist and Socialist Coalition (TUSC) as that party. As a result, deposits were donated for every TUSC candidate approved formally by December 31st, a process which has continued into 2015

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS for the year ended 31 December 2014

RECEIPTS	2013	2014
LEGACY (12/06/14)		£101,166.00
MEMBERSHIP	£91.00	78.00
DONATIONS/AFFILIATIONS FROM SUPPORTIVE ORGANISATIONS		10.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	£91.00	£101,254.00
PAYMENTS		
PRINTING, STATIONARY AND POSTAGE	£11.00	£226.09
TRAVEL TO MEETINGS	48.00	138.40
ROOM HIRE	30.00	120.00
ELECTORAL COMMISSION	25.00	25.00
PO BOX		251.77
PRINTER		275.99
DEPOSITS FOR TUSC CANDIDATES		16,500.00
TOTAL PAYMENTS	£114.00	17,537.25
BALANCE		
Net receipts over payments for the year	-£23.00	£83,716.75
Bank Balance as on 01 January	£147.08	124.08
Bank Balance as on 31 December (as per statement)	£124.08	£95,840.83
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES		
ASSETS – Epson Printer (£275.99 – see above)		
LIABILITIES (Cheque for TUSC candidates' deposits not yet processed by bank)		£12,000.00
Overall balance at end of year	£124.08	£83,840.83

Signed

Pete McLaren Registered Leader and Treasurer 27/04/15