

Committee for Linguistics in Education (CLIE)

Meeting 100

The British Council, 10 Spring Gardens, London SW1A 2BN
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Room UG9,

Friday 10th February 2012

Part 1: 1.15 -2.00pm pm: CLIE committee business

Present

Patricia Ashby (LLAS(Ling)), Wasyl Cajkler (ALA), Urszula Clark (BAAL), Simon Coffey (BAAL), Caroline Coffin (BAAL), Melissa Cudmore (BC), Esther Daborn (BAAL CLIE Secretary), Jo-Anne Delaney (NATECLA), Charlotte Franson (NALDIC), Willem Hollmann (LAGB), Dick Hudson (LAGB), Terry Lamb (Co-opted), Tim Shortis (Co-opted), Mahendra Verma (Co-opted), Catherine Walter (Co-opted)

1. Membership and apologies

DH opened the meeting, standing in for GT (Chair) who had been stepping onto the plane in Edinburgh when his back suddenly seized up and prevented him from travelling. Others who sent apologies were Kate Board (CILT), Ian Brinton (EA), Keith Davidson (NATE), Sue Ellis (UKLA), Jonnie Robinson (BL), Vivienne Rogers(LAGB).

1.1 Membership matters

1.1.1 Terry Lamb, who previously represented ALL, is now attending as the 4th co-opted member, following GT's invitation, as agreed at Meeting 99 (1.1.1).

1.1.2 Further discussion of ISMLA representation will be carried forward to Meeting 101 as an action for GT. **Action GT**

1.1.3 Jonathan Gibson, who previously represented the English subject Centre, has suggested inviting Nicole King(NK), Discipline lead for English at the Higher Education Academy. ED has approach NK who has expressed great interest in attending CLIE. She is unfortunately unable to attend meeting 100 and will also miss 101, but wishes to post information once she has been added to the CLIE list. **Action ED**

1.1.4 Tim Shortis is standing down and GT is to approach Dan Clayton. This action will be carried forward for GT prior to meeting 101. **Action GT**

1.1.5 DH welcomed Wasyl Cajkler, who is replacing Agneta Svalberg as ALA representative.

2. Minutes of Meeting 99

Minutes accepted subject to changes in

Item 1.1.5 'ALL' should be 'ALA'

Item 8. AOB 8.1 TS wishes to provide a more teacher friendly write up for All Talk. **Action TS to send to ED**

3. Matters arising

Item 3.1 remains to be carried forward as the TDA website has transferred to the Teaching Agency.

Item 3.2 DH will set up a link on the New CLIE website for the BAAL good practice guide for academics and students

Item 3.3 Related to Phonics, GT was to ask CW and SE to work on a position paper on phonics so that inspectors and teachers are aware of a range of approaches to teaching reading. **Action GT to confirm**

Item 3.4 Action to be carried over from Meeting 99 was the offer made by GT in relation to the UKLO update – that he would send round to CLIE a list of specs for what is needed to host a UKLO event **Action GT to do**

Item 4 Actions relating to the PGCE database of contact tutors to be carried forward, i.e.

Action SC: compile a list of all models of MFL training education providers.

Action GT: ask Ben Rockcliffe for any information, copy TS and SC

4. **CLIE celebration event: CLIEBL group (DH/ CF)**

DH and CF reported that there are two possibilities for setting up celebratory events sponsored by CLIE

Event 1) At the British Library through Jonnie Robinson. JR has stated that BL can only work on this if BL can benefit from it. **The coverage of the proposed conference has been designed to line up with one**

or more of BL's 4 roles: language educator; consumer of language education; documenter of language education (not a strong link as they keep government documents, not textbooks); documenter of languages and dialects. DH and CF suggest that CLIE could cover those 4 foci and extend languages and dialects to community languages and EAL. There could be speakers from BL alongside speakers from CLIE on each of those areas, including the curator of foreign languages.

The options for numbers are large (450) or small (40). The meeting agreed that small would suit CLIE purposes so that we can get people from different areas of foreign languages to talk to each other. Suggestions were made for non specialist invitees: Ministers? Media? Will Hutton?

DH/ CF suggestion we get some dates in November and link to the next CLIE meeting was approved. **Action DH/CF.**

Event 2) with British Academy to explore the reasons for the language problem / crisis in schools. Why are languages unpopular in schools? Is it because of curricula? BA have written to Baroness Cousins to ask her to Chair. Nothing has happened. This proposal has become confused with a separate proposal in the academy. DH hopes that it can be resolved at a meeting later this month with GT. At least the expression of interest has been established and the concrete proposal is to come.

There was a general discussion about the importance of working out terms for naming the languages: not 'foreign' because we want to call them 'modern', but still we need to include Greek and Latin. Government has started calling them MFL. We would like to call them 'languages' and then identify which! Can we talk about plurilingualism?

Action DH to keep us posted when further information is available

5. **Next CLIE Chair and Secretary**

ED reported that the BAAL executive committee had supported her move from Secretary to Chair after meeting 101. GT will take the question of next CLIE Secretary to LAGB **Action GT**

6. **Reports from member organisations for information (CLIE members)**

NATE notes had been sent by KD and circulated. **Action ED** to invite CLIE members to send in web links and news items to her to gather and send out.

7. **AOB:** none

8. **Date of Meeting 101:** 18th May 2012, Kings College London (SC)