

AGENDA

Meeting held on 21st March at Gill Insurance, Tavistock Street, Bedford (Start 7pm)

- 1) **Apologise;** Majid Shabir, Raj Chahal, Jagtar Singh
- 2) **Present;** Jas Parmar, Eric Masih, Kuldip Rupra, Sukhpal Gill, Suki Thiarra, Billy Gill, Rakesh Nanda
- 3) **Minutes of the last meeting;**
Minutes (www.babauk.co.uk) were approved by members present.
- 4) **Chairman's report;**
Chairman made the members aware of NABA being approached by "in and out" campaigns for the EU referendum. It was decided that members may have differing views but the association will not endorse any particular group. It is anticipate that a debate will take place where all members will have a chance to participate.
A letter has been sent to Richard Fuller MP raising concern regarding the change in law coming in to affect from April 2016 whereby Tier 2 VISA holder earning less than £35000 will risk automatic deportation. According to the Office of national statistics, of the 55589 applicants nearly 78% (31058) are Indians.
There needs to be another push to get businesses involved in BABA. It was suggested that may be a visit to the businesses to collate email and addresses so that information can be disseminated better.
Website is up to date and urged members to visit it whenever possible.
- 5) **Treasurer's report;**
The balance at present stands at £1163.35
There has been no income or expense since last meeting.
It was also brought to the member's attention that any charity holding in excess of £100000 will be liable to tax being deducted.
- 6) **Dinner/Dance/Awards 2016;**
Members were in favour of holding the event in September-November.
Corn Exchange was pre booked for the rest of the year however, Kings house in Ampthill road was available for some date during that period.
It was agreed to try Addison Centre as it had the right capacity of around 250 to hold such event. JP to enquire.

Meeting ended at 8.15pm

Next meeting 25th April 2016