

Minutes of the meeting of the London CO held on 26 January 2023 in "hybrid" format:

A) in presence at the premises of the Italian Church of Saint Peter's, located in 136 Clerkenwell

Road, London EC1R 5DL;

B) Directors who want to connect remotely can do so with possibility to participate in real time via telematic connection to the platform online "Zoom", meeting no. 82208924709

The session opens at 18.12

The Vice President Francesca Doria chairs the session and Chiara Cerovac acts as Secretary.

The Councilors are present:

1 Francesca Doria

2 Elio Alberti

3 Rino Nola

4 Vincenzo Loggia

5 Mike Petretta

6 Anna Cambiaggi

7 Luciano Rapa

8 Federico Lago

Consul Francesco De Angelis is connected via zoom.

The following Councilors are also connected via zoom:

1 Chiara Cerovac

2 Golam Tipu

3 Elena Remigi

Justified absences:

1 Alessandro Gaglione

2 Livia Grasso

3 Luigi Bille'

4 Tony Martorana

5 Dimitri Scarlato

6 Nicola Del Basso

7 Germana Canzi

Attached to these minutes is a screenshot showing the attendance of the Directors, as specified above.

The Chairman ascertains and has it ascertained that the quorum required by the Law is present and, therefore, declares the meeting open and able to resolve and discuss the following:

Agenda;

1. Approval of the minutes of previous meetings.
2. Presentation and approval of the 2022 Final Balance.
3. Participation of the COMITES in the appointments for the issuance of passports.
4. Audition of Mirko Ricci (Complitalia).
5. Update on ongoing projects and new project proposals;
 - discussion and approval of the contents of the second video on the activity of the Committees in 2022;

- WEBINAR on the transition from pre to settled status;
- 3 WEBINARS/interviews with experts on the following topics:
working visa, student visa, summary on the immigration system in the UK;
- presentation of the next 3 webinars on multilingualism;
- awareness campaign on the non-compulsory payment to make an appointment at the Consulate;
- update on the letter sent by COMITES to the Consulate in support of the consular agency in Woking;
- new proposal for "In conversation with...";
- rationalization and scheduling of publications on social media channels by the communication office;
- SPID/Settled Status project update.

6. Miscellaneous and possible.

Before starting to discuss the agenda, Consul De Angelis gave a brief update about the recent activities of the Consulate. A priority channel has been created for children up to 17 years twice a week.

The consular agency in Woking has received the fingerprint scanner.

Luciano Rapa asks Consul De Angelis for the possibility of having one for the Watford and surrounding areas (Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire).

1. The previous minutes of 11/24 and 12/15/22 are unanimously approved.
2. The Councilor and Treasurer Vincenzo Loggia presents the 2022 final balance.
3. On 3 February there will be a meeting with the Auditors in Brixton. The Final Balance has been sent to all members of the Comites for final approval.
4. The proposal has already been made to COMITES and Francesca Doria considers it important to establish which role could be played by COMITES in this initiative. For those who are interested it would be good to organize a meeting to discuss the modalities.

5. Mirko Ricci is not present this evening, but he sent us a video in which he presents his idea of how he would like to organize his video project. His idea is to divide the videos by theme, not by city, touching different parts of the UK.
6. The representatives of the other two COMITES are in favor and it would be important to create working groups that include representatives of the 3 COMITES. Luciano Rapa offers himself volunteer to form a working group.
7. Anna Cambiaggi was recently in Genoa at the Museum of Italian Emigration (MEI), a multimedia museum that makes weekly presentations. Yes, it could think of creating videos to present this Museum.
8. We will continue the discussion on the ComplItaly project in the next ordinary session of the COMITES.
 - a. Giuseppe Ciccomascolo, dedicated the first information video on the activities of the COMITES in the first year of work. The second video will instead be dedicated to those who have contributed to the support and organization of COMITES.
 - b. Anna Cambiaggi proposes to talk not only about past activities, but also and above all of future ones.

Elena Remigi in collaboration with the COMITES of Scotland would like to organize a webinar on the transition from pre to settled status, approximately in the month of March/April.
 - c. Livia Grasso would like to organize a cycle of webinars on the Immigration System in UK, but we'll talk about it at the next COMITES meeting when she is present
 - d. It is important to organize a campaign to raise awareness on non-payment obligation to access consular services. Unfortunately they are things that happen more often than you imagine. You can also ask the Consulate to participate in this initiative. Anna Cambiaggi proposes a webinar with information on social channels on a constant basis, especially those dedicated to consular services

Federico Lago proposes to explore together with the communication office new social networks in order to reach the wider Italian community (e.g. Next Door).

As already anticipated by Consul De Angelis, the machine for the Fingerprinting is at the Woking Consular Agency.

It is planned to organize 3 more webinars on multilingualism, the next one will be on February 27 and speech therapist Nicole Zocchi will participate. Another video will involve SIAL (Scuola Italiana a Londra) and they will come give

information on extracurricular courses while the last one will be dedicated to Karen Martin, researcher on multilingualism.

The release of informative videos or webinars should be scheduled on a constant basis and aim to be methodical.

Anna Cambiaggi updates us on the SPID/ Settled status project.

Tomorrow she will go to the Embassy, an information leaflet on SPID has already been prepared. Furthermore, the Embassy is keen to organize meetings with the communities.

5. Miscellaneous and possible: there is no Councilor who needs to add anything else.

At this point, the Deputy Chairman, having exhausted the items on the agenda, declares session closed at 20.03.

The Vice President
Francesca Doria

The Secretary
Chiara Cerovac