

GMB Northants Community Branch
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Minutes of the Branch Meeting held on 28.06.17

Matters Arising: Due to other commitments (the election) and holidays (2 weeks in Greece) the secretary hadn't sent Adrian a list of donors to the Mesothelioma Research fund to go on the website. He will rectify this as soon as possible.

It was agreed to order 100 diaries and a large diary for Maggie

There is to be a Branch Organisation course run on 19th and 20th of July at the regional office and a Branch Activists weekend course at a venue to be announced on the 13th to the 15th of October. No one has shown any interest the secretary will probably go.

Motion to Regional Equality Conference: The secretary will contact Martyn to see what he has come up with.

Secretary's Report: Owing to the election and holidays the secretary hadn't much to report except for mixed feelings about the election result. Although labour had done much better than expected nationally he was disappointed with the Corby result.

The branch accounts remain healthy

Presidents Report: Jackie is concerned about the continuing decline in standards of health and safety at work. This is due to cutbacks to enforcement agencies and the absence of unions in many workplaces.

Social Media: On top of the usual mailings Adrian had sent out two emails supporting the labour party to members. The branch has had some success on twitter re-tweeting pro labour party tweets.

Workplace Reports:

Kier: Fergus and David reported that members are working there under the new contract which they have never seen. They are relying on management to tell them what is going on and they don't know how sick pay, holidays etc are affected. We were told that unless something is sorted out a number of workers are likely to leave the union.

Accuma: Rajko reported that Members at Accuma are unhappy that the issue of the new payslips is still unresolved which has been going on for 3 years since monthly pay was introduced.

First Reaction: Martin has been working at BCA since First Reaction lost the contract at Whitworths, they have now also lost the contract at BCA so Martin is being tupeed over to the new company. He feels that although he accepts the new arrangement he should have been given more notice.

Any Other Business: It was agreed we pay Lily's expenses for attending the National Pensioners Convention in Blackpool. It was agreed to make a donation to the independent film unit which made a presentation to the meeting although Lily has lost the details. Lily will be moving to York shortly although she will remain a member of the branch. We wished her well for the future.