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Summary of the branch meeting held on 31.10.18

More members have been recruited at Kier in Corby

It was agreed to purchase the lanyards and pens from Pellacraft not the trolley tokens.

It was agreed to make donations to [Shout Youth Theatre](#), [Glasgow Women's Strike](#) (GMB Scotland) and [Corby Community Arts](#). After some discussion it was also agreed to make a donation to the [Nicaragua Solidarity Campaign](#),

We will re-affiliate to the [Labour Research Department](#).

Nominations and motions to congress, to be put on the agenda for the November meeting.

Questions had been raised by about the distribution of meeting summaries on the branch website, that details of branch meetings should be open to members only. The secretary had explained that only summaries, not minutes, went on the website and were not detailed. After a full discussion it was unanimously agreed that we should carry on as before.

The taxi that we sponsor is off the road after an accident. It is unclear whether the owner of the cab is going to continue. The sponsorship is due again in January. It was agreed that we continue with it either with the same owner or someone else. There are plenty to choose from.

The secretary had been to a meeting which had been addressed by a volunteer from the [Corby Red Box project](#) which helps mainly girls and young women who are experiencing period poverty. It was agreed to make a donation. There is also a [Kettering Red Box project](#). We will give them the same once we have their details. If anyone knows of other, similar, projects in the county they should contact the secretary.

Finances remain healthy.

News items added to website included Indonesian Tsunami Appeal, 2019 GMB Congress, Glasgow Women's Strike, meeting details.

Over past 30 days website activity at similar levels, with 53 users visiting 190 pages.

The merger between Corby and Kettering council services is going ahead. The measures letter still hasn't been seen and can't go into effect until it has been agreed by the unions. As far as work is concerned everything is going ok.

A member asked if he could get some more membership forms. The secretary will see that he gets them.