

GMB Northants Community Branch
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Summary of the branch meeting held on 30th September 2015

Present: Debbie Foley, Rajko Loncar, Maggie Don, Rachelle Wilkins, Sterling Bryan, Brian Fayter, Fergus Farrell, Lily Lowe, Gordon Glassford.

Apologies: Charlotte Harris, Dave Hewitt, Jackie Grover, Adrian Grover, Chelsey Furniss, Karen Sutherland, Kayleigh Ketteridge

One of our members had suffered a close family loss and it was agreed to send them some flowers.

The secretary had attempted to contact possible nominees for General Secretary. With a view to holding a nomination meeting in August. But after a great deal of confusion about what was and was not allowed the idea was abandoned. There will be a hustings in Nottingham on October 22nd.

The proposed new structure for industrial sections will also be discussed at the hustings meeting. There will be transport to the meeting for anyone wishing to attend. Rachelle will be approaching all stewards and activists.

The secretary has purchased a phone with a £10 monthly contract.

Correspondence:

It was agreed to affiliate to USI for £75, Justice for Columbia for £90 to donate £100 to the Sylvia Pankhurst Library at Wortley Hall.

The secretary to purchase more copies of Health and Safety at Work and Disciplinary and Grievance Procedures from the LRD.

Financial Report: Branch finances remain healthy

Lily had attended the National Pensioners Convention meeting in Leicester. The state pension continues to lag behind other members of the OECD. The GMB nationally doesn't have a presence within the NPC, this should be looked at. It was suggested that she ask the question at the Hustings.

Workplace Reports:

LearnDirect: The redundancy situation had been badly handled by management. As it turned out no one had been forced into redundancy. Jobs look to be safe for the foreseeable future.

Accuma Plastics: There could be problems ahead with shift changes.

Kier: The agency workers who weren't being paid parity were now getting equal pay and this had been backdated. A member who had been sacked for not working on a Saturday had been reinstated when the union pointed out that Saturday working wasn't part of his contract.

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