



**GMB Northants Community Branch**  
**Secretary, Alan Irwin**  
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**Summary minutes of the Branch Meeting held on 23rd February 2022**

**AGENDA**

**1. Apologies**

- a) None

**2. Minutes of branch meeting 26<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

- a) Agreed as a true record.

**3. Matters Arising**

- a) No matters arising – covered in subsequent Officers reports.

**4. Correspondence**

- a) Secretary read out correspondence received since our last meeting. Mostly from affiliations and minutes received from region and Head Office. Congress delegates agreed 2022.

**5. Colin Gunter, CEC Boundary Proposals**

Colin gave a comprehensive report to the branch on the proposed changes from the CEC and the importance of these changes to the union. He took questions from members and agreed to report back developments as things unfold in the coming months.

**6) Secretary Report**

- a) Minutes of the extraordinary meeting have been done. Will go for approval at the next full meeting.
- b) Labour Party fund raising event 19<sup>th</sup> March – still places available – no takers!
- c) All audits have been complete and signed off.
- d) Most of the attention has been concentrated on the 'boundary changes.

**7) Financial Report**

- a) Branch finances were reported

## **8) Presidents Report**

- a) The chair referred to recent industrial action by ASDA in many areas. Mostly in relation to the company trying to impose a pay freeze. ASDA conference in March.

## **Digital Communications Officers Report**

- a) Website activity for last 30 days: we had 168 (+64) website visits (sessions) by 108 (+21) people (users) and they viewed 593 (+276) pages.
- b) News Items Added to Website:
- c) · FACE COVERINGS IN SECONDARY CLASSROOMS
- d) · FREE COURSES AVAILABLE TO GMB MEMBERS
- e) · EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING 17TH FEB 2022
- f) · NJC BULLETIN 080222 - 2021 PAY OFFER
- g) · NATIONAL PENSIONERS CONVENTION
- h) · SUMMARY OF BRANCH MEETING 260122
- i) · FEBRUARY 2022 BRANCH MEETING
- j) WhatsApp Group has 33 members (+0)
- k) The February email newsletter was sent out on 14th February to a total of 1,590 members and has been opened by 671 members, a 42.4% opening rate
- l) Twitter: 701 (-1) Followers. Last 28 days: Tweets viewed (impressions) 43(-57%) Profile visits 309(+127.2%)
- m) Facebook: 194 (+3) Likes & 233 (+1) Followers. Last 28 days: Posts seen by (reach) 55 (+90%) people. Page views 9 (+50%). Post engagements 9 (-10%)

## **9) Equality Officers Report**

- a) Training course on the menopause – went down very well with participants.
- b) Looking at something for International Women’s Day – theme will be on domestic abuse.

## **10) Youth Officers Report**

- a) No report

## **11) Race Officers Report**

- a) No report

## **12) Regional Organisers Report**

Full and comprehensive report received from Rachelle

- a) Report on two Councils.
- b) Matalan
- c) Schools.
- d) Accuma
- e) St Andrews
- f) Asda
- g) Grand Union
- h) Cadent Gas

## **13) Accompanying Reps Report**

- a) Again, the Secretary reported that he was still representing members, mostly on disciplinary cases in the workplaces.

## **14) Workplace Reports**

- a) No reports

**15) Any Other Business**

- a) Labour Party
- b) Standing orders for food banks
- c) Campaigner travelling through Kettering – Ukraine awareness. Please support, especially with what's happening on the border and Russian potential aggression.
- d) Possible informal meeting in March if we hear back from Colin on boundary and union changes.
- e) Request that informal meetings be conducted on a Thursday, rather than a Wednesday – agreed.

Yours fraternally  
Alan Irwin  
Branch Secretary

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