



GMB Northants Community Branch
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Summary of the branch meeting held on 24th February 2021

The British Gas dispute is still ongoing it was agreed to make a further donation.

The Hope not Hate meeting had gone well. Although nobody has got back about a donation. Secretary will chase it up.

Timetable for the General Secretary election has been received. If we nominate we will have to do it at our next meeting. Ballots will reach members by 12th May. Votes will have to be received by 2nd June. The result will be announced on 3rd.

The TUC Women in leadership course was oversubscribed another one is planned.

Letter from the Trade Union Badge Collection Society.

Kate Spriggs, secretary at the Peterborough office, is retiring. She has been very helpful to the branch over the years. It was agreed that we should send her a voucher for chocolates.

The letter to new members has been sent out. We have 2589 members in January, down from 2603 in December.

The election for branch officers will take place in June. Nominations will be taken at the three previous meetings. The secretary is not standing again. He has contacted regional office and it was agreed that he should stay as secretary until the July meeting. This will coincide with the union accounting period and means that the incoming secretary will not have to deal with the any meetings until September.

The branch finances remain healthy

The audit for quarter 4 2020 has been completed.

Social Media: Website Activity has been lower this month. Social media activity was up slightly. The website has been updated.

Rachelle gave an update on what is happening with the new north and west unitary authorities. The north is going quite smoothly, with agreement on most issues. The negotiations with the west are being dominated by the same tory councillors who wrecked the county council so things aren't looking quite so good there.

The region will be holding a celebration of International Women's Day on March 8th. A link will go on the website.

With the voting for the new unitary authorities coming up on May 6th we should make sure that a many of our members as possible should be registering for a postal vote especially as there might be problems with polling stations given the present circumstances. A link and a letter from the secretary will go on the website.