



GMB Northants Community Branch

Secretary: Gordon Glassford

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Summary of the branch meeting held on 24.06.2020

The notes from the last meeting were agreed to be a true record.

The donation agreed for the refugee charity in Kettering has not been paid. The secretary said that he had contacted them but had received no reply. We will look into it.

A 'Black Nurses Matter' video call had been arranged for June 20th. The secretary had emailed members in Kettering and Northampton general hospitals.

The secretary had sent a staff wellbeing PDF to our members working in schools. It had also gone on our website.

The secretary had received a labour party National Policy Forum document and questionnaire from Richard Oliver, who sits on the NPF. It was far too wordy and the secretary hadn't responded.

The Orgreave Truth and Justice Campaign had held a virtual rally on June 20th. The details had been put on the website.

It was agreed to continue the sponsorship of Kingswood Juniors FC and Corby Warrior Vikings FC. Both clubs will be expected to supply up to date photos for the website as soon as circumstances allow.

Secretary's Report: A welcome letter had been sent to all new members.

A webinar for reps had been held. The secretary had attended but had problems with the connection.

The secretary had attended the 'Black Lives Matter' event held in Kettering. Maggie had also attended. Both were very impressed by the quality of the speakers and the attendance. Maggie was also very impressed by the fact that no litter had been left behind after the event finished. The secretary also attended the event in Corby but had to leave early.

It was agreed that next years Workers Memorial Day 2021 commemoration should have a change in focus to reflect recent events particularly the governments pathetic response to the pandemic and the Black Lives Matter movement. We will try and get one of the speakers from event in Kettering to speak. May 1st was suggested as a date instead of the last Saturday in April which is when we would usually hold it.

Social Media report: 28% had opened the monthly newsletter, which is above the industry average. Twitter had 700 views and facebook 107. It was agreed to pay Adrian £28.78 the cost of two months zoom membership.

Workplace Reports:

There will be a zoom meeting of local government reps.

Northants County Council continue to show their incompetence. Of the fifty-five risk assessments they were supposed to carry out on council buildings they had done three.

TUPE has been agreed for the new unitary authority but the Tories are trying to split the unions, unsuccessfully.

Matalan have agreed to pay the attendance bonus they were trying to wriggle out of.

AOB:

One of our members who had been having personal legal problems had received excellent help from Unionline, the GMB's law firm.

It was agreed that we will have an informal meeting by Zoom on Tuesday 14th of July at 7.00pm and the next full branch meeting will be on Wednesday July 29th at 7.00pm also by zoom.