



**GMB Northants Community Branch**  
**Secretary, Alan Irwin,**  
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**Summary Minutes of the Branch Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

- A) Special guest, Lee Barron, Corby and East Northants Prospective Parliamentary Candidate.  
Lee gave an excellent presentation to the branch and raised the importance of keeping a high profile going into the next General Election (GE). He advised members about the issues he is being confronted with on the doorstep and that he was being very well received and that things are hopeful for an election victory. Lee was wished the best for the GE.

**1. Minutes of branch meeting held on the 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

- a) Agreed as a true record.

**2. Matters Arising**

- a) Secretary advised that he had written to the GMB GS about recent reports in the press concerning bullying etc. Waiting for a response!

**3. Correspondence.**

- a) Corby Town Council – Workers Memorial Day 2024.
- b) Update on Corby pride, 2024.
- c) Rosie Wrighting – consistent correspondence from Rosie on campaigning.
- d) Members correspondence.
- e) 38 Degrees, campaigning issues.
- f) Wortley Hall, South Yorkshire Festival August 2024.
- g) Adele Atkiss – vacancies in London
- h) Retired Members Association – 21st May 2024.
- i) Nicaragua – updates on campaigns.
- j) Region – Election ballot papers update.
- k) Elenor Marx – nomination has been made from the branch.
- l) Education courses in the region – Gambling Awareness is a new programme.
- m) 38 Degrees – questioning the LP.
- n) East Midlands Mayoral election. Request for support campaigning.
- o) March regional committee minutes.

- p) Wortley Hall – updates.
- q) Martin Allen – vacancies.
- r) LP East midlands – campaigning.
- s) Support UK Steel – Unite. Secretary to attend.
- t) Rachele, Learning at Work Week. NNC (Corby). Secretary to attend.
- u) Adele Atkiss – Regional Council – Regional EC – Zoom meeting
- v) Adele Atkiss. CEC mins.

## **5) Secretary's Report**

- a) Workers Memorial Day (WMD) 2024. Update on event. Thanks to Ian Cameron and the LP for using their mobile PA system. Speakers:
- b) Lee Barron, LP, PPLC, Rachele Wilkins, GMB, Roy Rickuss, Community, Alan Irwin, GMB.

## **6) Finance Report**

- a) Finances are healthy

## **7) Presidents Report**

- a) President attended Regional Council. There was a presentation from Amazon, Coventry which was excellent. Jackie to report on that at next month's meeting.
- b) Jackie has registered for a webinar on flexible working hours which she will report on at our next meeting in May.

## **8) Digital Communications Officers Report**

- a) Website activity (GA4) for last 30 days: we had 223 (+39) website visits (sessions) by 168 (+16) people (users)
- b) News Items Added to Website:
- c) Workers Memorial Day Event Corby 2024,
- d) ASDA Kettering Easter Recruitment Day,
- e) Summary of branch meeting 28/03/24
- f) April 30th 2024 branch meeting
- g) WhatsApp Group has 39 (+1) members
- h) The April email newsletter was sent out on Friday 19th April to 1,613 members (March members list) and has been opened by 717 members, a 47.3% opening rate
- i) X / Twitter: 804 Followers. Last 28 days: Tweets viewed (impressions) 236 (+329%)
- j) Facebook: 368 Followers. Last 28 days: Posts seen (reach) 68 (-35%)

## **9) Equality Officers Report**

- a) Nothing to report this month.

## **10) Youth Officers Report**

- a) Recent survey. Report to be prepared for the branch newsletter. Agreed.

### **11) Regional Organisers Report**

- a) Matalan report. TUPE of transport at the site. Update on consultation.
- b) Pay rise @ 5 and 6%.
- c) NNC – TUPE update.
- d) Learning at Work, 13/14<sup>th</sup> May. Update. Qube Corby.
- e) Grand Union Housing – Ballot on new terms and conditions.
- f) ASDA, balloting in Corby, Kettering. Thanks to all the Reps for all their hard work.

### **12) Accompanying Reps Report (ARs)**

- a) Secretary reported on a steady stream of enquiries from members throughout the month.

### **13) Workplace Report**

- a) Neil reported on ballot for industrial action which unfortunately fell short of the 51% legal requirement.
- b) Reported on pay issues withing the store.
- c) Report on recruitment day in April.
- d) Report on H&S in store.
- e) Report on courses attending – H&S Stage 2.

### **14) Any Other Business**

- a) Email from Lee Barron, thanking the branch for this evening. “Questions from members were excellent.”
- b) Adrian – include Zoom link in the agenda being sent out each month.
- c) Adrian to use branch meeting screenshot for the website to encourage bigger attendances.

### **15) Date and Time of Next Meeting**

- a) May 30th, 2024 – Zoom.

Yours fraternally  
Alan Irwin  
Branch Secretary  
25<sup>th</sup> April 2024