



GMB Northants Community Branch
Secretary, Alan Irwin,
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Minutes of the Branch Meeting held on 25th May 2023

Correspondence.

International Transport Federation – update on events being organised.
Several pieces of correspondence on equality issues and campaigning and the right to strike.
War on Want – challenging corporate power and climate justice.
Team Labour – preparation for GE around various themes and fund raising.
Request to attend Congress – agreed by branch.
Report on WMD.
Website up-date.
Vacancies nationally.
GFTU – Standing up for a Better Workplace.
Pride event, Corby 10th June 2023. On our website.
Megaphone updates.
Cuba Solidarity. Update.
Vacancies in the Southern Region.
Website – protect the rights of strikers.
WoW – the right to protest.
Rule book changes. Sent out members. Agreed that in future that all members are blind copied with all correspondence.
Region –Trans Gender rule book. Picked up in Secretary's report.
Equality and Inclusion Officers. Secretary's report.
New steward, ASDA.
Vacancy London region.
Wortley Hall – Local Community Award.
International Transport Federation – May Day events.
KCLP – campaigning.
Megaphone update.

Secretary's Report

Letter– Gender and sex debate, letter sent to 'usual attendees' of the union meetings. Discussion on the letter received from x. Branch very critical of the letter, trying to close down debate. Secretary to report after discussion with Equalities Officer. Branch agree setting up a special meeting on the issue and Secretary to report at next meeting.

WMD – 29th April 2023 – report from a highly successful day. Thanks to everyone involved in making it a memorable day. WMD, well received from the branch. Possibly bring to the next year's Congress.

Presidents Report

President attended a webinar, TUC – employment law update. Reported on how good the webinars are and the range that they cover within the context of employment law. President recommended that more stewards should avail themselves of this free TUC service.

Digital Communications Officers Report

Website activity for last 30 days: we had 221 (+12) website visits (sessions) by 146 (-12) people (users) and they viewed 423 (-170) pages.

News Items Added to Website: CORBY PRIDE 2023 CORBY WORKERS MEMORIAL DAY 2023 WRITE TO YOUR MP: PROTECT THE RIGHT TO STRIKE SUMMARY OF BRANCH MEETING 270423 PRIDE 2023 MIDLANDS MAY 2023 BRANCH MEETING

Walk the Plank play on our YouTube Channel: [youtube.com/@GMBNorthants](https://www.youtube.com/@GMBNorthants)

WhatsApp Group has 29 members (+0)

The May email newsletter was sent out on 19th May to 1,581 members (March list) and has been opened by 685 members, a 43.3% opening rate

Twitter: 771 (+4) Followers. Last 28 days: Tweets viewed (impressions) 795 (+56%) Profile visits 195 (-33%)

Facebook: 285 (+6) Followers. Last 28 days: Posts seen (reach) 190 (+222%). Page

Accompanying Reps Report (ARs)

Secretary reported on cases he has managed in May. Concern expressed about the level of intimidation some members are subjected to by employers.

Workplace Report

Full report from x on work he has been involved in at ASDA. President thanked x for excellent workplace report.

Any Other Business

Secretary to pass around issues of Labour Research to stewards. Discussion on the rule book – Secretary, nothing the branch wishes to contest.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

29th June 2023 – Zoom.

Yours fraternally
Alan Irwin
Branch Secretary
25th May 2023