



GMB Northants Community Branch

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Summary of the branch meeting held on 26th May 2021

The May Day meeting had gone well, although the attendance could have been better.

Finbar Bowie, regional political officer and Richard Taylor, southern area senior organiser had attended our interim meeting. We made our feelings known about the lack of support for the local elections in Northants. This was followed by a discussion on the GMB and the labour party which had been very informative.

There had been a lot of emails from charities that the branch supports on a number of issues. These include UNHCR, War on Want, Nicaraguan Solidarity, Cuban Solidarity and the Disasters Emergency Committee.

A member had requested financial assistance to take a course which would help her get on a teacher training course. The branch had agreed her request.

It was agreed to order 200 two week to view diaries and one A5.

Only the positions of youth officer and branch committee remain to be filled at our general meeting on June 30th.

A letter had been sent to all new members. Leavers had been emailed and told that if they had been made redundant and were looking for work the branch would pay there subs for a limited time and if they had retired they could become a retired member for free. Only one response from someone who had retired and didn't want retired membership.

We had nineteen starters and twentyfive leavers in April. 2594 members in total.

Rachelle reported that the head teacher of a junior school in Corby was trying to cut the teaching assistants lunch break so they could be on playground duty. This would be additional hours at no extra pay.

The new unitary authorities want to introduce job evaluation. This will be a pain especially in Northants West who can't be trusted.

No further nominees can be accepted for these positions unless a nominee withdraws.

Vacancies: Youth Officer, branch committee (president, secretary, equalities and youth officers automatically sit on the branch committee leaving five to be elected)