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Summary of the branch meeting held on 27.06.18

The secretary had omitted the communication officer's report from the minutes and had got the date of the meeting wrong, otherwise ok.

It was agreed that we arrange a meeting for potential GMB members working at St Andrews healthcare ASAP.

It was agreed that we make a donation to Corby and East Northants CLP Woman's forum for the rooftop gallery exhibition they are putting on.

It was agreed to make a payment to the Campaign to keep Corby Urgent Care centre

One of our members at Matalan warehouse had an accident at work and been off for some time and as a result had suffered some financial distress. It was agreed to give him a payment to help him out.

There is to a Trade Unions for Labour Organisation event in Corby on Saturday 30th of June supported by the GMB. The regional political officer had not informed the secretary. Members have been informed and the secretary has tried to contact other unions.

The secretary is struggling with the new email server that the union has imposed on secretaries. This, combined with GDPR, is causing a major headache. He and Adrian will be meeting David Castledine soon for discussions.

It was agreed to pay the secretary to cover the payment to Hostpapa which hosts the website. It seems we don't get a lot for this but it is for 3 years when we can review the situation.

The financial position remains healthy

Communications Officer:

Adrian reported that there are 193 members who have completed the GDPR form. 43.8% of these had opened the June newsletter. Adrian thinks many of the letters may have gone to spam because of the new email address. It seems likely that in future we will be able to send newsletters to all members with emails as we did in the past. We are waiting confirmation.

Website and social media visits remain steady.

Workplace Reports:

Kier: We are still waiting a measures letter from Kettering Borough council detailing what changes will be made after the merger of street services. Although Corby workers will report to Corby Borough council, Kettering will be the employers.

Accuma: Rajko will be meeting management next month, problems are ongoing.

BCA: Martin said that the company seem completely oblivious to their health and safety duties. He will be retiring at the end of the month.

Northampton County Council: Rachele reported that the council continues to be a complete shambles. The commission that now runs the council has ordered a £50000 forensic report.

AOB:

We are recruiting at schools in the county again.

We have completed a number of new recognition agreements and it looks like Wellingborough prison may be reopening.