



GMB Northants Community Branch
Secretary, Alan Irwin
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Summary Minutes of the Branch Meeting held on 27th October 2022

AGENDA

MEETING RECORDED AS AGREED

1. Minutes of branch meeting 29th September 2022

- a) Agreed as a true record.

2. Matters Arising

- a) Covered in reports. Welcome to new Asda Rep , Neil

3. Correspondence.

- a) Up-date on recent Trades Council meeting.
- b) Membership Department – update on membership.
- c) Authorisation of payment for flowers for Queens funeral.
- d) International Transport Workers – Campaign P&O ferries.
- e) Nicaragua – AGM and up-date.
- f) National Pensioners Convention – Birmingham conference.
- g) LRD – Employment Law – copy for Jackie to support her studies.
- h) WoW – Debt crisis globally. “Pushing people into poverty”
- i) Unity Trust – increase in rates.
- j) AVAAZ – Brazil elections update.
- k) Corby Trades Council (CTC) meeting – Corby Demands Better
- l) WoW – Cost of Living Crisis.
- m) Northants JJ - daily up-date.
- n) CTC speaker for next CTC meeting.
- o) Nicaragua – Food sovereignty campaign.
- p) GMB vacancies.
- q) WoW – Palestine update – atrocities against civilians.
- r) Nicaragua – update.
- s) TUC rally London – 2nd November, Demand Better.
- t) Banner Theatre – Donation request. Agreed, £100
- u) Cuba Solidarity, sponsorship figure reached.
- v) National Pension Committee. Thank you to branches that donated.
- w) New Regional Council Election Representatives.
- x) Postal Correspondence; Cuba Solidarity,
- y) Postal correspondence – GMB 2023 conference – Secretary nominated.
- z) Postal correspondence – Conference 2023. Appointed Equalities \officer nominated.

aa) LRD – re-new affiliation.

5) Secretary's Report

- a) Report on meeting with FTO – 2023 review. Agreed for the Secretary to become more involved with recruitment in 2023.
- b) Consensus that we should do more active work with younger members and recruit more younger members.
- c) Education for Reps. Possibly more local courses.
- d) Up-date on recent CTC meeting from CTC Secretary – Excellent turn out and a very productive meeting. Next CTC meeting to be put on our website.
- e) Physical meetings for next year – possible three dates across the County.

6) Finance Report

- a) Unity Trust: £xxxxxxx
- b) Credit Union: £xxxxxxx
- c) McAfee payment – agreed.

8) Presidents Report

- a) Minutes received of the Regional Council meeting. Could not attend the meetings. Travel is proving extremely difficult; 2 hours drive or 3 train changes. Everyone agreed this was unreasonable for our delegates.
- b) Employment Law Certificate. President reported that she is enjoying the course and progressing well with the work to support her work as an Accompanying Rep.

9) Digital Communications Officers Report

- a) GMB Northants Digital Communications Report – 27th October 2022
- b) Website activity for last 30 days: we had 155 (+18) website visits (sessions) by 123 (+12) people (users) and they viewed 488 (+72) pages.
- c) News Items Added to Website:
- d) CHARITY RIDE CUBA - NOVEMBER 2022
- e) SUMMARY OF BRANCH MEETING 290922
- f) OCTOBER 2022 BRANCH MEETING
- g) MENOPAUSE IN THE WORKPLACE
- h) WhatsApp Group has 30 members (-1)
- i) The October email newsletter was sent out on Tuesday 25th October to 1,541 members (September list) and has been opened by 652 members, a 42.3% opening rate
- j) Twitter: 730 (+4) Followers. Last 28 days: Tweets viewed (impressions) 392 (+3.4%) Profile visits 332 (+8.9%)
- k) Facebook: 270 (+2) Followers. Last 28 days: Posts seen by (reach) 56 (-9.7%) people. Page views 23 (+27.8%).
- l) Zoom: 12 month plan renewed until 24th October 2023 at a discounted cost of £93.52 (Full price £143.88)
- m) Questions – Secretary reported on funds raised for his Cuban Cycle Challenge 2022
- n) Questions - Dates for next year to be agreed, including physical meetings

10) Equality Officers Report

- a) No report, apologies tendered.

11) Youth Officers Report

- a) No report. Apologies tended.

12) Race Officers Report

- a) No report. Secretary raised concerns that we did not have any reports this year and we need rectify this position in 2023.

13) Regional Organisers Report

- a) No report – apologies tendered.

14) Accompanying Reps Report

- a) Secretary reported he had been very busy with cases and with some success in getting members reinstated back to work.

15) Workplace Report

- a) Neil – new ASDA rep. Hopefully get some resources – files etc. Secretary to ask Rachelle.
- b) Neil reported on current cases he has been dealing with.

16) Any Other Business

- a) No other business.

17) Date and Time of Next Meeting

- a) November 24th, 7pm – Zoom.