



GMB Northants Community Branch
Secretary, Alan Irwin
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Summary Minutes of the Branch Meeting held on 28th March 2024

1. Minutes of branch meeting 22nd February, 2024

- a) Agreed as a true record

2. Matters Arising

- a) Affiliations paid to Labour Research.
- b) Waiting on invoice from Corby Pride 2024.

3. Correspondence.

- a) Campaigning correspondence from 38 Degrees.
- b) Neil – attending Congress for one day with the Secretary. Agreed.
- c) Several pieces of correspondence from Team Labour, building up to the GE.
- d) Funding support.
- e) Rachelle – New Deal – Labour Party.
- f) Nicaragua – updates.
- g) Kettering Constituency LP – campaigning updates.
- h) Neil, recruitment update, ASDA.
- i) Workers Memorial Day.
- j) Labour Party HQ.
- k) East Midlands pensioners – update.
- l) CCLP – support with canvassing.
- m) Regional Committee Minutes.
- n) Regional – setting up a 'care' committee for people working in that sector.
- o) Members/s enquiries to join the WhatsApp group.
- p) Labour party HQ – Tory funding!
- q) Eleanor Marx Award. Chair to report.
- r) Letter from GMB HQ, concerning reports about the GS and bullying.
- s) Canvassing in Desborough.
- t) 38 Degrees – Tory Party funding from racist donors.

- u) Banner Theatre – Miners 1984
- v) Wortley Hall – updates.
- w) East Midlands National Pensioners.
- x) Nicaragua – update
- y) Wortley Hall – play.
- z) CCLP – postal votes.
- aa) East Midlands LP – campaigns.
- bb) Regional office – charity walk in Stoke – homeless.
- cc) Rosie Wrighting, canvassing.
- dd) Invite for an evening with David Blunkett
- ee) Adrian – website.

5) Secretary's Report

- a) Workers Memorial Day. Some confusion over speakers. Speakers confirmed:
 Roy Rickuss, Community,
 Lee Barron, PPLC – Corby East Northants
 Rachelle Wilkins, GMB.
- b) Labour Party funding. Confusion over requests for funding from the branch.
- c) CEC member. Letter to be sent to the GS expressing the branch's concerns.
- d) All our Workplace Reps have been contacted to attend meetings.

6) Financial Report

- a) Unity Trust: £xxxxxxx
- b) Credit Union: £xxxxxxx

7) Presidents Report

- a) Jackie gave the following report from Regional Committee:
 - Disputes. Amazon.
 - Wolverhampton Council – update.
 - Special Metal Wigan Ltd. update.
 - Personal injuries claims – update.
 - Recruitment and retention update.
 - Industrial disputes update.
 - Tarmac, update.
 - Sponsorship and financial requests.
 - International Women's Day, Derbyshire.

8) Digital Communications Officers Report

- a) Website activity (GA4) for last 30 days: we had 184 (+31) website visits (sessions) by 152 (+33) people (users)
 - News Items Added to Website
 - WhatsApp Group has 38 (+1) members

- The March email newsletter was sent out on Saturday 23rd March to 1,616 members
- (March members list) and has been opened by 729 members, a 45.3% opening rate.
- Resent to 888 non-opens on 28th March with a further 94 members opening the email.
- X / Twitter: 803 Followers. Last 28 days: Tweets viewed (impressions) 55 (-34.5%)
- Facebook: 368 Followers. Last 28 days: Posts seen (reach) 106 (+324%)

9) Equality Officers Report

- a) Pat gave updates on the following:
- WASPI – update.
 - Retired members – update
 - Regional Equalities Conference.
 - Eleanor Marx Award.
 - Play – Planks Gave way – not going ahead at Congress. Possibly, sometime in the future.

10) Youth Officers Report

- a) Verena, update on survey. No further responses. Survey now closed!

11) Regional Organisers Report

- a) Rachelle not in attendance.

12) Accompanying Reps Report

- a) Secretary reported being very busy with cases, both physical and Teams. Cases coming directly to the Secretary rather than Region which needs further monitoring.

13) Workplace Report

- a) Neil reported on workplace activity, which included:
- Ballot for industrial action – update.
 - Wisbech strike update.
 - Health and Safety issues...
 - Aggression towards staff from customers – update. Posters to go up in stores.
 - Issues on payments.
 - Another recruitment day planned – further updates...
 - Suggestion to have a physical branch meeting sometime in the future.
- b) Ross, requesting and update on his position as Workplace Rep it Beanfield Community Centre. Secretary to look into the situation.

14) Any Other Business

- a) Apologies from Gordon for the technical issues in attending the meeting.

Next meeting – 25th April 2024

Yours fraternally
Alan Irwin