



**GMB Northants Community Branch**  
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**Summary Minutes of the Branch Meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

**AGENDA**

**MEETING RECORDED AS AGREED**

- 1. Minutes of branch meeting held on the 25<sup>th</sup> April 2023**
  - a) Agreed as a true record.
- 2. Matters Arising**
  - a) None
- 3. Correspondence.**
  - a) Extraordinary amount of daily correspondence from the Labour Party.
  - b) Region – guidance on branch funding
  - c) Bournemouth Congress – Neil and Alan attending – report to next meeting.
  - d) Charity Walk – Homeless.
  - e) Labour Research – affiliation agreed.
  - f) Wortley Hall, update.
  - g) Region – vacancies in the Southwest.
  - h) International Transport Workers – Dockers dispute.
  - i) Nicaragua – updates on campaigns.
  - j) Corby Pride – update on event.
  - k) Nicaragua update - webinar
  - l) Invoice for Corby Pride – paid.
  - m) International Transport Workers – update.
  - n) CEC – results. Our preferred candidate, Colin Gunter elected.
  - o) Adrian – website articles.
  - p) Invite to Congress dinner.
  - q) Donation for GMB full Regional Organiser (son) bone marrow cancer. – Agreed £xxx donation.
  - r) Requests to join the WhatsApp group

- s) Several pieces of correspondence from 38 Degrees.
- t) Pat – website, equality issues.
- u) Cuba Solidarity, journal
- v) Labour Research – journal.

## 5) Secretary's Report

- a) Pride update – details on the website. 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Coronation Park. Leaving from the Qube at 12 noon. Secretary to attend.
- b) Election update. Agreed to invite candidate back for an update 'on the doors'.
- c) Learning Week – report on my activities at the event. Raffle prizes. Book tokens.
  - 1) Gordon – donation to Read Easy - £xx
  - 2) Pat – donation on remaining vouchers – Corby Pride – Secretary to arrange.
- d) Workplace Representative – issue on Honorarium payment. Decision of the branch taken not to authorise payment.

## 6) Finance Report

- a) Unity Trust:           £xxxxxx
- b) Credit Union:       £xxxxxx
- c) Food banks – agreed to renew funding.
- d) Digital Communication Officer – proposal to increase payment. Agreed.

## 7) Presidents Report

- a) President apologies – no report.

## 8) Digital Communication Officer

- a) Website activity (GA4) for last 30 days: we had 150 (-73) website visits (sessions) by 127 (-41) people (users)
- b) **News Items Added to Website:**
  - 1) CORBY WORKERS MEMORIAL DAY EVENT
  - 2) 11 MAY 2024 SOLIDARITY SATURDAY
  - 3) CORBY SUMMARY OF BRANCH MEETING 25/04/24
  - 4) SILK MILL FESTIVAL 2024
  - 5) GRASP APPLICATION 2024-25
  - 6) CORBY PRIDE EVENT 2024
  - 7) MAY 2024 BRANCH MEETING
  - 8) WhatsApp Group has 40 (+1) members
- c) The May Email Newsletter was sent out on Thursday 23rd May to 1,647 members (May members list) and has been opened by 723 members, a 44% opening rate
- d) X / Twitter: 810 Followers. Last 28 days: Tweets viewed (impressions) 79 (-74%)
- e) Facebook: 384 Followers. Last 28 days: Posts seen (reach) 762 (-49%)

## **9) Equality Officers Report**

- a) Pat reported on the meeting she had attended for Retired Members Association in Nottingham. Issues raised about digital poverty. Becoming a key issue for the elderly.
- b) Pat was thanked for a full and comprehensive report on a full range of equality issues relevant to the branch and our union.
- c) A comprehensive debate was held about the value of retired members in the union and how much recognition they should have at a constitutional level to affect 'change'.

## **10) Youth Officers Report**

- a) Verena reported on survey outcomes and how the branch respond to feedback.. Agreed for this to be put on the website and get out to young members. Secretary suggested a branch forum for young members before the summer ends. Possibly August, at a venue to be agreed and report given back to the next meeting. Secretary to discuss with Verena.

## **11) Regional Organisers Report**

- a) Apologies – no report.

## **12) Accompanying Reps Report (ARs)**

- a) Secretary reported, less busy than in previous month.

## **13) Workplace Report**

- a) Neil reported on recent workplace inspections.
- b) Busy on workplace recruitment.
- c) Report on WhatsApp activity.

## **14) Any Other Business**

- a) Pat – Forthcoming Congress update, re. standing orders.

## **15) Date and Time of Next Meeting**

- a) 27<sup>th</sup> June 27th, 2024 – Zoom.