

GMB Northants Community Branch
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Summary of the branch meeting held on 26.11.14

It was agreed to make a substantial donation to the Disasters Emergency Committee's Ebola appeal.

Nominations to GMB Congress 2015: Maggie Don was nominated by the branch.

It was agreed that we should send a motion to congress concerning improved funding and training for accompanying reps.

Ray Beeby has been adopted as a candidate for labour in the forthcoming council elections. He will be the only GMB sponsored candidate in Corby.

It was agreed to give the Ex-Servicemen's Club £100 for the use a room for the past year.

The government has introduced a law which severely restricts the amount of money trade unions and charities can contribute to political parties. This has been done to hamstring the labour party at the general election next year. There is no restriction on private companies and individuals who will be much more likely to support the Tories. This also might have a detrimental effect on our arrangements for Workers Memorial Day. The secretary is in contact with the regional political officer to make sure we don't fall foul of the law which could cost the union thousands.

The secretary has not received the diaries yet he will distribute them as soon as he gets them.

The secretary had attended the opening of the Sensory Garden in Coronation Park in Corby. The organisers would like to dig up the Workers Memorial Day plaque which is falling into disrepair and have it set in a seat which would be placed in the garden. They will need council permission for this. Ray will look into it for them.

There is a healthy amount in branch bank account. The secretary is in the process of opening an account with the Thorne Credit Union.

Workplace Reports:

Interserve (Corby Town Centre Security):

The courts have awarded members a substantial amount between them as they hadn't been TUPE'd over properly.

Interserve are not happy giving union recognition we will have to watch this. A satisfactory agreement has been reached on holidays. Membership is going up and another member is keen on starting as a rep. Workers at one of the shops in the town centre have shown an interest in joining the union.