



GMB Northants Community Branch
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Summary Minutes of the Branch Meeting held on 27th June 2024

1. Minutes of branch meeting held on the 30th May 2024

- a) Agreed as a true record.

2. Matters Arising

- a) Clarification for future funding. Clarification for Gordon as auditor.
- b) Book tokens have now been fully dispensed with – Remaining ones to Youth Works.
- c) Verena update on young members.
- d) 'Support for Ollie' – in progress.
- e) Workplace representative – situation resolved.

3. Correspondence.

- a) Labour Party – correspondence – election 2024. Huge amount from national and constituency. Rosie doing a fantastic job to get elected. Same with Lee in Corby. "Fingers crossed".
- b) Pride Corby 2024 – secretaries report!
- c) Adrian – website renewal.
- d) Richard Taylor – Congress update.
- e) Labour Research – affiliation agreed.
- f) Cuba Solidarity – update.
- g) Steel Town Tales – showing in Corby 19th July. Further updates from Secretary.
- h) Members correspondence– workplace advise.
- i) Kettering Home start AGM.
- j) 38 Degrees – update and election campaigning.
- k) Personal injury course – region.
- l) Labour and the NHS.
- m) Nicaragua -updates.
- n) Chain Makers Festival – 15th September 2024.
- o) Thank you letter from Corby Pride.

5) Secretary's Report

- a) Corby Pride – report. Fantastic day, extremely well organised and book tokens handed over to Kettering Youth Works.
- b) Issue with workplace rep. This has been dealt with.
- c) Cuba Solidarity. Fringe meeting at Congress – report back on sanctions. Would like to address the branch – Agreed. Secretary to arrange.
- d) Congress 2024 report back. Fringe and dinner very well received.

6) Finance Report

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

7) Presidents Report

- a) President reported on Amazon dispute.
- b) Jackie praised the officials for their competence and professionalism in dealing with this dispute which has now gained worldwide recognition.
- c) Pat – workers were at Congress to address the delegates about their experience dealing with Amazon. Some horrendous stories coming through!

8) Digital Communication Officer

- a) Website activity (GA4) for last 30 days: we had 176 (+26) website visits (sessions) by 142 (+15) people (users)
- b) News Items Added to Website: YOUNG MEMBERS SURVEY RESULTS GMB DEMO AT ASDA BOURNEMOUTH 2024 GMB RACE ACTIVIST SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME SUMMARY OF BRANCH MEETING 300524 JUNE 2024 BRANCH MEETING
- c) WhatsApp Group has 40 (+0) members
- d) The June Email Newsletter was sent out on Monday 24th June to 1,639 members (June members list) and has been opened by 722 members, a 44% opening rate
- e) X / Twitter: 813 Followers. Last 28 days: Tweets viewed (impressions) 9 (-88%)
- f) Facebook: 388 Followers. Last 28 days: Posts seen (reach) 109 (-85)

9) Equality Officers Report

- a) Pat reported on Congress in her role as Equalities Officer.
- b) Grasp report. "Please have a look at scholarship offer."
- c) ASDA demonstration - report from Congress.
- d) CEC reports from Congress.
- e) Fringe meetings attended - full report.
- f) Meeting with Regional Secretary about the Planks Gave Way – positive feedback for a future run (video and Q&A session).
- g) Statement on Israel and Palestine – "calling for a peaceful solution."
- h) Fergal Sharkey attended Congress to talk about water pollution in our streams and rivers. Fergal has also been supporting our local Labour candidates in the election.
- i) Report on fringe meeting regarding Ukraine. Request for further support.
- j) Credit Union – report and update from Congress.

- k) Retired members push to have members on the regional committee. “The need is getting greater.”
- l) Pat thanked the branch for the opportunity to attend Congress.

10) Youth Officers Report

- a) No report.

11) Regional Organisers Report

- a) Apologies – no report.

12) Accompanying Reps Report (ARs)

- a) Secretary reported that disciplinary representation is ‘picking up’.

13) Workplace Report

- a) Neil reported on his experience of his first Congress and the fringe meetings that he attended while there. “Fantastic experience”!
- b) ASDA – report from Congress.
- c) Reports from the workplace – carpark update.
- d) Health and Safety Inspection update. Neil reported that he is pleased with progress and outcomes following meetings with management.
- e) Future recruitment day preparations – full report at future meetings.
- f) Attending a Health and Safety course.
- g) The President thanked Neil for his hard work in representing members in the workplace.

14) Any Other Business

- a) Neil – apologies for the next meeting.
- b) Ross – asked Rachelle recently about an update on him being a Rep at Beanfield Community Centre. Jackie to discuss with the Secretary.

15) Date and Time of Next Meeting

- a) 25th July 2024 – Zoom.