

KIRKLEES NEU DISTRICT & BRANCH AGM MINUTES 04/03/2021

APOLOGIES: Allison Whiteley; Gill Collins; Andrew Wigfield; Monica Augar; Mita Solanki-Willats

PRESENT: Saleh Rahman; Duane Laverick; Hazel Danson; Allison Barnes; Benedict Smith; Roger Kelly; Clare Woffenden; Cormac Kelly, David Kirsfield; Denise Henry (seeking nomination); Fiaz Rashid; Gill Collins (late), Gill Goodswen, Helen Beer, John Fox, Karen Parmy, Katherine Green, Kate Hammond, Kath Jameson, Louise Lewis; Lynsey Jones; Mel Griffiths; Richard Goodswen; Richard Woffenden; Tina Newsome; Rachael Gregg

FORMAL BUSINESS

Minutes of the AGM held 5th March 2020

Proposed as correct - JF; Seconded – AB

Carried.

Declaration of District and Branch Election Results

Election results (Branch) shared / distributed.

Moved – HD; Seconded – LL

There were no contested elections. Results received.

Election results (District) shared and distributed: Proposed – AB; Seconded - SP

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FINANCE ISSUES

Statement of Account

RW presented Statement of Accounts.

Auditor (RG) explained that Treasurers had done a sterling job in protecting Branch's money.

HD gave formal thanks to RG & JC (Auditors) - they do a very thorough and 'down to the penny' job. Last few years sort to reduce local subs, now down to 10%. Have been advised (centrally) not to reduce it further.

Previously employed a member of staff and needed to be able to have adequate funds to cover employer's responsibilities.

JF thanked RG & JC and echoed reasons for budget surplus. Move to new office and amalgamation contributed to the surplus. Glad to see surplus is being spent wisely.

Budget for £8,000 deficit budget (2020-21) was not realised due to Pandemic.

Moved by Treasurer – RW; Seconded – SR

Carried.

RW explained that the donations budget is £4000 for the year – Not set in stone

RW Proposed £1000 to Care for Calais.

Seconded – FR

Carried

LL proposed a donation of £1000 to the HRI A&E Campaign.

Seconded RW

Carried.

Appointment of Auditors

RW proposed that RG & JC be elected as Auditors (2021-22). No other nominations received.

Seconded – HD

Carried.

Budget setting

Budget now runs from September 1st to August 31st.

Confirmation of Bank Signatories

HD; RW; JF; AW; SR proposed as bank signatories - HD.

Seconded - FR

Carried.

Confirmation of Local Subs

Local Subs at 10% proposed – HD; Seconded – FR

Carried.

Secretaries Annual Report:

HD presented a report, asked that if people have any questions please get in touch.

HD Thanked all, especially Gill Collins, Allison Whiteley, John Fox and Gill Goodswen.

HD recommended the report to the meeting

Seconded – SR

Carried.

GC thanked HD for her professionalism, wise words and friendship.

OTHER BUSINESS

Amendments to Conference Motions [Annual Conference 2021 | NEU](#)

KG submitted Supply Motion amendment.

GG – explained if using same words, it will end at bottom of list. Noted by KG.

Proposed – KG; Seconded MG

Carried.

National Executive Committee Nominations – Details of candidates seeking nomination can be found here [National Executive Elections - Kirklees NEU](#)

HD introduced the candidates.

Patrick Murphy; Simon Mellor; Louise Lewis; Allison Barnes were nominated.

A late nomination was received after the meeting. Rules do not allow us to revisit nominations.

It was explained that there are 3 Equality seats – some uncontested; 3 Sector seats – with Black Member seats contested.

Black Member's seat:

SR proposed Vick Chechi-Ribeiro; Seconded – SP

LL proposed Denise Henry; Seconded – FR

After discussion and a vote, Denise Henry was nominated as our candidate for the Black Member's seat. 3 for Vik Chechi-Ribeiro, 12 for Denise Henry

16 plus seats:

AB proposed Duncan Blackie; Seconded – HD

Carried.

Independent Sector:

AB proposed Brian Metcalfe; Seconded – HD

Carried.

Support Member's seat:

HD proposed Tracy McGuire; Seconded – GG

Carried.

Expenses for those running for National Executive Elections:

HD proposed a budget of up to £1000 to support all Kirklees candidates and those we have nominated. With the caveat that this is correct under the NEU financial regulations.

Seconded – KP

Carried.

Note: AB & LL declared their interests in this vote.

Kirklees Branch Specific Business

Other than declaration of Branch Officers there was no time for further discussion.

See: **Declaration of District and Branch Election Results**

AOB:

DGS Elections:

HD to look to looking into the possibility of arranging a husting prior to OGM (13 May 2021).

Kirklees Supply Services (KSS):

MG reported back on liaison with KSS.

KSS have not reported back to Supply Staff on new structure.

18.38 At this point it was proposed that LL take the Chair from DL (as DL had another meeting and needed to leave this meeting) for a maximum of a further 20 minutes.

KG reported that she felt supported and thanked all for the support given to her as Supply Officer.

SR reminded the meeting of importance of discussing issues specific to support staff.

RG drew attention to World Anti-Racism Day 20th March 2021.

RK drew attention to a rally on Tuesday 11th March 2021 streaming live on YouTube & Facebook.

Date of OGM: 13/05/2021 Date of next AGM to be announced

HD thanked everybody.

Meeting closed 18.47

Proposed as a true record of meeting _____

Seconded _____

Signed (President of Kirklees District and Branch NEU) _____ Date: _____

DISCUSSION

Did not have time to take this item

FULLER OPENING OF SCHOOLS MARCH 8th

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