

North Devon Labour Party



Minutes of a CLP Meeting held on 11th February 2021

1. PRESENT: Lydia Gladstone, Nick Agnew, Siobhan Strode, Sean O'Callaghan, Val Cann, Mark Cann, Martin Robathan, Roy Tomlinson, And McGeeney, Oliver Bell, Glynis Walker, Chris Swanwick, Ian Crawford, Dee Owen, Catherine Bearfield, Rosa Payne, Hilary Johnson, Cecily Blyther, Steve Hinchliffe

Apologies

Kathie Salter, Gaynor Howe

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Were agreed

Matters Arising

- Andy raised concerns about accepting motions following the emergency motion brought forward at the general meeting in December. He was reassured that the clarification referred to in the motion had been sought
- Catherine suggested we hold a specific meeting to discuss party democracy.

Membership update

- Total membership stands at 538. This time last year it was 648

Finance

Balance in Bank Account at 10 Dec £4191. We have spent £300 on Facebook ads since the last meeting.

Executive Committee Report

We held the first Executive Committee meeting following the AGM and welcomed and introduced the new members. We discussed 12-month aspirations to feed into the development plan which will be brought to the next CLP

Councillors Report

VAL CANN – BRAUNTON PARISH COUNCIL

There was not much more to report than the last CLP meeting. All schools in Braunton have been involved in a poster campaign for 'Braunton Together'.

Bureaucracy has pushed back the introduction of speed signs to the next financial year. Val is working with Braunton Community Network to support residents during the current lockdown. Val also hosted a CLT exploratory meeting with Wessex Homes.

IAN CRAWFORD – FREMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Fremington's proposed neighbourhood plan to 2031 will include a public transport rapid transit route and improved access for walkers, cyclists and disabled to the Tarka Trail.

Bullying and offensive remarks by a councillor towards another councillor in written, email or other digital form can now be reported under standing orders to the Monitoring Officer at N. Devon Council.

The council has joined the Healthwatch network which is a government sponsored watchdog on the NHS. I am proud to have been the prime mover of all these actions.

OLIVER BELL – MORTHOE PARISH COUNCIL

Attended a CLT meeting in January and gained public support for a proposed site.

TERRY ELLIOT – ILFRACOMBE TOWN COUNCIL

Not present

Campaign Report

The Campaign Committee met yesterday. We now know the elections will take place as planned on 6th May. Only 2 signatures are required for candidate's nomination papers. We have a full slate of 8 candidates and we will be launching them online next week.

- Social media will play a major role as face-to-face campaigning is uncertain
- There has been a confirmed spend increase for use with Royal Mail
- We are developing a grid for the next 8 – 10 weeks on social media
- Mark is looking into all options for leafleting
- Dialogue will be a really valuable tool but will cost £440 for the list of phone numbers

Mark proposed the following campaign budget:

£750 for social media

£850 for leaflets

£450 for dialogue

TOTAL £200 + £500 contingency

Ian seconded and the vote in favour was unanimous

Women's Conference

- CLPs are entitled to send up to two delegates to this year's National Annual Women's Conference.

- The closing date for applications from CLP delegates is Monday 10 May 2021.
- Selection of delegates will take place at the next CLP General Meeting
- Nick will put this on the Forum for those not present

Development Plan

The CLP Development Plan has been deferred to the next meeting

MOTIONS

The following motions were submitted in the correct time frame and ruled in order by the Chair:

1. North Devon CLP calls upon the Labour Party to set out how it will select a new, proportional voting system for general elections, in time to offer it as a concrete alternative to First Past the Post in our next manifesto. *Chris Swanwick*
2. This CLP believes that the beliefs and values of the newly founded Peace and Justice Project are in line with those of the labour party, and should be supported as such. *Sean O'Callaghan*
3. This CLP believes that the decision of PLP to abstain on the Covert Human Intelligence Services bill goes against the beliefs of the Labour members. *Sean O'Callaghan*

Motion 1 passed: 14 for, 2 against, 2 abstained

Motion 2 passed: 8 for, 5 against, 5 abstained

Motion 3 was amended by Martin Robathan to read: This CLP regrets the decision of the PLP to abstain on the CHIS bill.

The motion then passed: 17 for, 1 abstained

Any other business

- Coffee morning is tomorrow
- Nick will send written clarification regarding the emergency motion brought to the previous CLP meeting to Andy
- Clive Lewis MP will be speaking at the South West SERA event on 16th March

Future meetings, events and venues

- 24th Feb, 7pm – Campaign Committee Meeting
- 2nd March, 7pm – Exec Meeting
- 25th March, 7pm - CLP General Meeting
- 13th May, 7pm – CLP General Meeting