
National Labour Link Committee Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 13th May 2010
Location: Conference Room, Mabledon Place

Jean Butcher	Andrew Dowland	Ann Black
Raymond McHale	Gary Ransford	Gill Malik
Barry Russell	James Anthony	Steve Warwick Chair
Ken Curran	Eleanor Smith	Mervyn Butler
Lynn Poulton	Irene Stacey	Rachel Voller
Wendy Nichols	Sue Forster	Carole Maleham
Gordon McKay	Norma Stephenson Labour Party NEC	

Officers in attendance: Keith Birch, Julian Cooke, Joyce Kaye, Liz Snape, Daniel Zeichner

Steve Warwick the Chair

The Chair opened the meeting with the sad news that Sue Abrahams, a good and loyal activist had regrettably passed away.

1. Apologies for absence

Mike Hayes, Alan Cowan

It was noted that Mark Turner has resigned from the Committee as he is now employed by UNISON.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the Labour Link National Committee of 2nd March 2010 were agreed as a true record with the update of the attendance list to reflect those present.

3. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Elections Report

a) National



A discussion document 'After the General Election' touching on the main election issues by Steve Warwick and James Anthony was circulated. A regional report-back on the elections followed. The importance of getting out and knocking on doors and re-engaging core voters was emphasised.

Other things touched on
Hayden Phillips Review
Fixed term parliament
AV & PR

There will be challenges ahead for Labour Link and discussions need to take place on how we operate in the future.

Finally, a letter of thanks from Gordon Brown to Dave Prentis for all our support was read out to the Committee. It was agreed to reply.

b) Local Councils

A paper was tabled and Labour's gains of over 400 council seats and a number of councils was welcomed.

c) BNP

The BNP failed to break through in the Parliamentary elections and lost a number of council seats including every seat in Barking & Dagenham where they had high hopes in both the local and general elections. The BNP also performed badly in Stoke on national and local elections.

5. Labour Link Forum – 2nd/3rd July 2010

a) Regional Motions

Motions 1 – 8 agreed

Motion 9 – take back to NDM

Motion 10 – agreed

Motion 11 – withdrawal

Motion 13 – (talk to region)

b) Annual Report

Work on the Report is in progress

c) Timetable



The SOC will be meeting to discuss the revised timetable along with the Chair and vice chairs

- d) National Committee Input

Statements to be drafted following NDC and Budget

6. UNISON Conference – Bournemouth

- a) Political fund effectiveness report

The committee noted and discussed the NEC report going to NDC on political fund effectiveness.

- b) Motions with Labour Link implications

The committee noted a number of motions that included calls on Labour link to support campaigns.

7. Labour Party Business

- a) NEC Report (Appendix 7a)

It was reported that the Labour Party NEC are meeting on Tuesday 18th May to discuss the labour party leadership election timetable.

A verbal report was given

- b) Nominations to Labour Party posts

This was deferred awaiting discussions with other unions.

8. Labour Party Conference 26th September – 30th September

- a) To elect six delegates

Steve Warwick Chair, Rachel Voller vice chair, Wendy Nichols vice chair, James Anthony, Carole Maleham and Sue Forster were elected

- b) Organisation and arrangements

The admin arrangements were noted

9. Any other business

There was no other business