

Minutes of General Meeting  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2021  
Zoom Meeting

**Attendees:**

Sharon Honey (SH)  
David Burley (DB)  
Danny Simm (DS)  
Ben Thomas (BT)  
Stuart Thomas (ST)  
Lewis Parkin (LP)

John Skipworth (JS)  
Neil Stevenson (NDS)  
Meg Flower (MF)  
Ian Dyer (ID)  
Brian Witt (BW)  
Lorraine Gillon (LG)

**1. Apologies for Absence:**

Andrew Holland, Geoff Matthews, Mark Clayton, Rob Stevenson

**2. Officer's Reports**

**a. Chair's Report (SH)**

There was a period of reflection in memory of Denise Capstick, who, sadly, passed away recently. Denise made a major contribution to our party. Our thoughts are with her family.

SH offered congratulations to LP on his appointment to the NW executive. We now have five the NW Executive. The regional Spring Conference is on Saturday. The cost is £5.

**b. Treasurer's Report (DB)**

Following some recent donations, we currently have £1350 in the bank. The payment cheque for Makerfield leaflets has not yet been cashed and Wigan leaflets have not yet been invoiced. Last year's accounts are due to be passed to Ian Dyer for inspection. Subject to any recommendations from the inspection, the accounts were accepted by the meeting nem con.

**c. Social Media (DS)**

Videos about getting postal votes will be going on Facebook and Twitter on Friday. The eFocus leaflet was published. It was noted that two respondents to the Carers Campaign have been contacted by JS. DS & ST requested all members to send any local news items and photos to them.

**d. Campaigns (ST)**

The eFocus leaflet was produced. Our contribution to the Mayoral campaign fund is £250 due at the end of March. Simon Lepori has requested help with his campaign. He has offered to do a 20 minute slot at our next local party meeting.

NS explained the new rules for leaflet delivery. In essence, we can hand deliver leaflets if they include candidates' names and wards, from when their nomination is accepted.

ID raised the flooding issues in his area.

**e. Membership (JS)**

JS reported that we have 91 members and 52 supporters. BW requested a breakdown of numbers of members in each constituency. JS will provide the data. There was a discussion about our past performance and future prospects in Leigh.

**f. Other Officer Items**

ID reported that Wigan Pride 2021 will be held on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> August. The format is still under discussion. Several members, including ST, SH and LP, volunteered to help and be present on the day. It was agreed that ST would lead for us.

MF has created a Facebook page to introduce herself as our Diversity and Inclusion Officer.

**3. Local Election Planning and General Discussion**

JS reported that we have 16 confirmed candidates and three possible candidates. We are still aiming to field at least 20 candidates. The following candidates and wards were agreed by the meeting nem con.

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Ward</b>
Daniel Jack Simm	Abram (M)
Geoffrey Stephen Matthews	Ashton (M)
Andrew Julian Lee Holland	Aspull, New Springs, Whelley (W)
	Astley Mosley Common (L)
Lorraine Gillon	Atherleigh (L)
	Atherton (BW)
Denise Melling	Bryn (M)
	Douglas (W)
	Golborne Lowton West (L)
John Charles Skipworth	Hindley (M)
Graham Trevor Suddick	Hindley Green
	Ince (W)
Lewis Parkin*	Leigh East (L)
	Leigh South (L)
Sharron Lee Honey	Leigh West (L)
	Lowton East(L)
Stuart David Thomas	Orrell (M)
Neil Duncan Stevenson	Orrell (M)

David Burley	Pemberton
	Shevington with Lower Ground (W)
Caroline Waddicor	Standish with Langtree (W)
	Tyldesley (L)
Ben J Thomas	Wigan Central (W)
Ian Dyer	Wigan West (W)
Robert Duncan Stevenson	Winstanley (M)
	Worsley Mesnes (M)

Other candidates

Brian Witt

Ben J Thomas\*

John Dowsett N/A21

Our key focus wards were agreed as Orrell, Pemberton, Winstanley and Leigh West. It was agreed that we need that we need material prepared by our next meeting. It was noted that only two nominations were required per candidate instead of the usual ten nominations. JS and NA will attend briefings for Agents and DNOs. We will then arrange briefing sessions for all of our candidates.

#### **4. Next Meeting**

##### **LOCAL PARTY MEETING: WEDNESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> MARCH, Zoom Meeting**

Please note that copies of the minutes are only sent to a restricted circulation of attendees, those giving apologies and confirmed candidates.

Neil Stevenson

Secretary

19<sup>th</sup> February 2021