

U K Independence Party – Dorset North Constituency
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting – Saturday 21st May 2011.
Held at the Pimperne Village Hall, Pimperne, Dorset.

**This AGM was a joint event with the Bournemouth West UKIP Association under the chairmanship of Mr Rod Trelease.
Dorset North held their formal meeting after an abbreviated one of the Bournemouth West Association.**

Dorset North Committee members present:

John L. Baxter [JB] – Chairman and acting Secretary – Charles Upton [CU]
Betty Dandridge [BD] – David L. Baxter [DB] – Jeremy C. S. Nieboer [JN]

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- 1) Meeting declared open at 11.30 by the Chairman. The Chairman welcomed all present and introduced the committee.
- 2) Apologies for absence were received from: Mr Colin Howes, Mr Roy Stevens, Major John Ware, Mrs Patricia Gill.
- 3) Copies of the Minutes of the AGM 22nd May 2011 had been made available to all members and copies were available in the hall. Proposed by CU, and seconded by Cllr Mick Hansford, they were accepted and approved unanimously.
- 4) There were no matters arising from the minutes.
- 5) a/ CU's read out the details of the year's accounts. Opening balance of £886.16, less expenditure of £4,288.83 and receipts of £4,023.56 making a final balance of £620.89. [See end of the minutes for full details in Appendix 1.]. Figures high due to being a General Election year.
The accounts were approved by the members having been proposed by BD and seconded by Alan Reynolds.
- 6) JB then reported on membership. Membership: Opening 60, plus 7 new, less 8 left, and one 1 death, giving an end of year total of 58, a net loss of 2. The death was that of Eric Arthur Styles, a very keen member, previously Association Secretary & mentor to the current chairman. He had lived and breathed UKIP. Some members attended his funeral – buried wearing his UKIP badge and with the Union Flag draped on his coffin. A minute's silence was observed.
Newsletters continues, 65 emailed, 60 posted. Achieved our 60th issue in May 2011.
First-Thursdays evenings at the Charlton Inn continue to thrive, esp. due to other local branches attending.
Council election in May 2011 nationally provided UKIP with its 1st Mayor, Lisa Duffy, one of 9 UKIP councillors in Ramsey. Locally Mick Hansford became first D.N. Parish Councillor for Marnhull, also achieving 181 votes [20.27%] at District level. Other candidates did well: Rob Pilkington, Bulbarrow 109 votes 13.16%; Geoff Lambert, Riversdale 99 votes 13.36%; Alan Kewley, Stour Valley 319 votes 9.6%. All were warmly congratulated.
Other items discussed, Nigel Farage recovery from the air-crash, his reappointment as Party Leader; a UKIP friendly Daily Express; Annual conference in Torquay; Spring conference in Scarborough; Clegg's AV lost vote; Diana Butler's table top sale [£153.95 for charity]; Longham Bonfire night with Peter Lucas speaking, raising £c230 for our branch. More help needed in the branch. Possible put-offs; Newsletter; VRM website & membership management.
- 7) The five committee members, JB, CU, JN, BD & DB had given notice that they would be happy to serve a further term. Proposed by Mick Hansford; Seconded by Alan Reynolds; All were collectively voted in unopposed and unanimously.
- 8) a/ CU took the chair to reappoint JB remain as Chairman, proposed by Jeremy Nieboer, seconded by BD and 8b/ JB took back the chair thanking CU and proposed his reappointment as Treasurer, seconded by DB, to remain the Treasurer. Both were unopposed and unanimously elected.
- 9) There were no candidates for any other office, thus those duties would continue for the most part to fall upon the Chairman.
- 10) AOB – a brief discussion on the pros and cons of joining a Pan European Party; mention of the Tiverton SWCC meeting on the 5th June.

- 11) The Chairman pointed out the contents of the various stands around the room. He thanked all for attending and Susie Baxter for the excellent catering including homemade biscuits and cakes. Thanking the Guest Speaker Jeremy Nieboer, in advance, the Chairman closed the meeting at 12.15.

**Appendix 1:
Basic accounts for the year to 31st March 2011.**

RECEIPTS	To 31st March 2011
Donations in cash:	
Reported to HO	£1,000.00
Below reporting limit	£671.30
Donated goods and services (notional income)	£1822.48*
Membership & subscription fees	£30.00
Fundraising	£297.80
Sales of merchandise	£119.02
Other	£82.96
Total Receipts	£4,023.56
PAYMENTS	
Notional expenditure	£1,822.48
Running costs	£588.35
Campaign expenditure	£1,868.00
Interest Payable	£0
Conferences	£0
Other	£10
Total Payments	£4,288.83
(Deficit)/surplus	-£265.27
Cash & balances at start of year	£886.16
Cash and balances at end of year	£620.89
STATEMENT of ASSETS & LIABILITIES at 31st March 2011	
	At 31st March 2011
Balance at bank	£620.89
Cash	£0
Creditors	£0
	£620.89
Notes * to be reported to HO.	

Dated: 22nd May 2011

Signed

John L Baxter - Acting Secretary.