

United Kingdom Independence Party – Dorset North Constituency
Minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting – Thursday 4th October 2007.
Held at the Charlton Inn, Charlton Marshall.

Committee members present:

John L. Baxter – Chairman

Charles Upton – Treasurer.

Alan Haines

Guest Speaker – Mr. Gawain Towler, declared Prospective Parliamentary Candidate [P.P.C.].

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1. Meeting declared open by the Chairman Mr. John Baxter at 8.15pm.
2. Apologies for absence received: Malcolm Wood. None from branch members.
3. The minutes of the previous EGM held in July 2005 having been read & approved at the previous AGM in 29th April 2006 in the Town Hall, Blandford Forum, it was agreed that the minutes of the AGM would be read at the next AGM in 2008. Thus no minutes were required to be approved.
4. The Chairman asked that the meeting could be as brief as possible as the meeting was being held in the bar open to all. The purpose of the EGM was to elect the P.P.C for Dorset North. There had been one candidate declared, as a second candidate had stood down some months previously due to ill health. The proposed candidate was well known within UKIP, holding the post of UKIP Press Secretary in Brussels, Chief of Staff to UKIP MEPs, and Press Officer for the Independence & Democracy Group in the European Parliament. Married with two children, Mr Gawain Towler, who hails from Wimborne and was educated in Iwerne Minster, had been a journalist and founder of the Brussels investigative and satirical magazine “The Sprout.” He had been the Brussels correspondent for Private Eye and wrote for a number of newspapers principally the Sunday Telegraph. Previously he had attended two branch meetings on which occasions he spoke eloquently and knowledgably on all topics presented to him.
5. The Chairman invited Mr Towler to address the meeting.
Mr. Towler spoke of being brought up in the Dorset North area, schooling, Dorset Blackmore Vale and Cranborne chase. Hod and Hambledon Hill, “Why it is that when I think of home I think of North Dorset?” He then addressed the big issue, that of the campaign against the Constitution [Treaty of Lisbon] and what action UKIP and its members needed to take. Similarly it was important that UKIP took on local issues, being immediately important to voters, and not just the big broad brush ‘hyper’ politics of EU withdrawal. Mr Towler sat down to warm applause.
6. Proceeding to the vote, the motion to adopt Mr Towler as the P.P.C. for Dorset North was proposed by John Baxter and seconded by Charles Upton. Unanimously, Mr Towler was duly elected as the P.P.C. Congratulated by the Chairman, the committee & Floor applauded the P.P.C.
7. There being no further business, thanking the members who had attended, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9pm.

Approved at the AGM for Dorset North, 26th April 2008.

Signed by:



John L. Baxter
Acting Secretary
26th April 2008.