

U K Independence Party – Dorset North Constituency
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting – Saturday 16th March 2013
Held at the Village Hall, Pimperne, Dorset.

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]

Speaker: Jeremy C.S. Nieboer

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- 1) Meeting declared open: at 11am by the Chairman. The Chairman welcomed all present and introduced the committee.
- 2) Apologies for absence: were received from: Major John Ware; Mr Henry Stevens; Mrs Patricia Gill; Cllr Terry Rance; Nick Jones.
- 3) Copies of the Minutes of the AGM 22nd April 2012 had been made available to all members and copies were available in the hall. Proposed by Mr Charles Upton, and seconded by Mr Alan Reynolds, they were accepted and approved unanimously.
- 4) Matters arising: There were no matters arising from the minutes.
- 5) Treasurer's report: a/ CU read out the details of the year's accounts. Opening balance of £898.32, less expenditure of £945.14 and receipts of £1,606.38 making a final balance of £1559.56. [See end of the minutes for full details in Appendix 1.
- 6) The accounts were unanimously approved by the members having been proposed by Alan Reynolds and seconded by Mr Lester Taylor. Despite being in good shape funds would be needed for EUP & GE.
- 7) Chairman's report: JB commented that Diane James had done well in Eastleigh & on TV, proving UKIP are serious. Other good results countrywide. Greater presence on TV/Radio & some good media coverage. National membership risen to 23,000. Alan Bown continues to be a great benefactor, paying for 1 Million leaflets. However no YI membership in North Dorset. Maybe lack of suitable IT material available, with UKIP not keeping up with technology. DN has need of an adopted PPC, with JN offering his services if necessary. EUP election next year when we hope to be No1 in UK. Boundary changes now rejected due to Clegg's actions. Spring Conference next week in Exeter.

Local Branches have welcomed good speakers in the year: Patrick O'Flynn; Roger Helmer; Trevor Colman; William Dartmouth; Steve Crowther; Dr David Kelly with Prof Tim Congden and Jeremy Nieboer soon to appear in Swanage.

Newsletters: DN Newsletter 80th edition last Month and Dorset Digest 20th next month. Combined numbers issued: Paper 84 [71 last yr]; email 216 [115]; 17 elsewhere = Total 301 [202]. First-Thursdays still popular in Charlton Inn. SW Website: Now rather poor in comparison to the previous one. DN Website still expanding with great thanks to Alex McKee.

Secretary's Report: membership risen from 62, losing 4 but gaining 23 = 81, an all-time high. Noted with sadness death of Bob Pilkington from Winterborne Stickland, 3 times candidate and branch stalwart. Also Phil Bishop from Hazelbury Bryan, a leafleter and also AGM regular.
- 8) a/ Election of Committee: Betty Dandridge, Charles Upton, Jeremy Nieboer, David Baxter & John Baxter, proposed by Alan Reynolds and seconded by Alan Kewley were re-elected to committee.
b/ There were no further applicants for the committee.
- 9) Election of Treasurer: Lester Taylor proposed and Stephen Duke seconded Charles Upton who was re-elected unopposed.
- 10) Election of the Chairman: Charles Upton took the chair. Alan Kewley proposed and Steve Seconded John Baxter who was re-elected unopposed.
- 11) New Officers: John Baxter retook the chair. There were no nominations for other officer positions.

- 12) County Council Elections: Candidates had been found for all seats for these elections. Lynda Dixon being the first, standing in Shaftesbury. Others: Alan Kewley – Blackmore Vale; Geoff Lambert – Winterborne; Maureen McCormack - Stour Vale [later stood down and no replacement found]; Leonard Alabaster – Blandford; Lester Taylor – Gillingham; Cllr Terry Rance – Hambledon [later stood down on health grounds & replaced by Richard Lucas]; Nick Jones – Cranborne Chase; Roy Wetherall for Verwood [tbc but later stood]; John Baxter [Verwood]. All wished them every success.
- 13) AOB: Various topics covered. No vote needed on any item.
- 14) Close of Meeting: 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. He also thanked Jeremy Nieboer for being the Speaker of the day.
The Chairman closed the meeting at 12.10pm.

Appendix 1:

Basic accounts for the year to 31st Dec 2012 [plus 2011 for comparison]

RECEIPTS	To 31 st Dec 2012	To 31 st Dec 2011
Donations in cash:		
Reported to HO	£0.00	£0
Below reporting limit	£202.50	£232.50
Donated goods and services (notional income)	£696.96*	£1822.48*
Membership & subscription fees	£0.00	£20.00
Fundraising	£676.92	£245.40
Sales of merchandise	Include in above figure	£105.02
Other	£30.00	£48.43
Total Receipts	£1,606.38	£2,473.83
PAYMENTS		
Notional expenditure	£696.96*	£1842.48
Running costs	£248.18	£393.70
Campaign expenditure	£0	£110.25
Interest Payable	£0	£0
Conferences	£0	£0
Other	£0	£0
Total Payments	£945.14	£2,326.43
(Deficit)/surplus	£661.24	£147.40
Cash & balances at start of year	£898.32	£750.92
Cash and balances at end of year	£1,559.56	£898.32
STATEMENT of ASSETS & LIABILITIES		
	At 31st March 2011	At 31st Dec 2011
Balance at bank	£1,559.56	£898.32
Cash	£0	£0
Creditors	£0	£0
Net Total of assets and liabilities	£1,559.56	£898.32
Notes * to be reported to HO.		

Dated: 16th March 2013

Signed

John L Baxter - Acting Secretary.