

U K Independence Party – Dorset North Constituency
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting – Saturday 28th April 2012.
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]

Speakers: Jeremy C.S. Nieboer and Corrie Williams.

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- 1) Meeting declared open at 10.58 by the Chairman. The Chairman welcomed all present and introduced the committee.
- 2) Apologies for absence were received from: Mrs Jane Hard; Capt. John Myers; Mr Henry Stevens; 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 Mr Alan Kewley, and seconded by Mr Alan Reynolds, 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 £750.92, less expenditure of £2,326.43 and receipts of £2,473.83 making a final balance of £898.32. [See end of the minutes for full details in Appendix 1. Amended to coincide with UKIP's accounting period to 31 Dec 2011].
The accounts were approved by the members having been proposed by Alan Reynolds and seconded by Mr Alan Kewley.
- 6) JB then reported on membership. Membership: Opening 58, plus 10 new, less 6 left, giving an end of year total of 62, a net gain of 4. First-Thursdays evenings at the Charlton Inn continue to thrive, esp. due to other local branches attending.
A quiet year for the branch with no election. Very limited leafleting carried out – needs much more to be done. Search started for County Council and for Westminster candidates.
Many distinguished UKIP speakers visited Dorset this year, inc Lord Monckton; Gerard Batten; Nigel Farage; William Dartmouth; Stephen Booth; Lord Willoughby de Broke; Neil Hamilton; Lord Hesketh; with Nigel also taking part in Any Questions? in Sturminster Newton. To come soon Tim Congdon & Godfrey Bloom. UKIP experiencing increasing media coverage esp. Russia Today & NF and Paul Nuttall frequently on Question Time.
Fight continues against Wind farms & Solar farms to be watched. Excellent Conference at Eastbourne – new names including Neil Hamilton; Roger Helmer MEP; Alexandra Swann; Many councillors.
Obituary: Stella Linnington [Xch]; Graham Booth ex MEP; & Malcolm Wood [ex RO] who had done much for our branch and Chairman. All will be sadly missed.
Possible Tory boundary changes would mean JLB would stand down, making a need for need blood. Dorset North Newsletter hits issue 70; + new Dorset Digest. Distribution 71 paper; 115 email = 15 to non-Ukippers & 2 to Australia = total 202 a month.
JLB missing many First Thursdays due to Council commitments. Thanks to Dave & Jo Evans, Rod Trelease, Diana & John Butler and others for continuing in JLB absence.
New RO is James Carver, ran London Marathon in 4hrs 43 mins 30 secs. Raised £6.5K for Scleroderma that sadly claimed his wife.
Existing fulsome website taken down & replaced by a basic bones of a site with little hope of improvement. JLB organising Classic Car Show for Jubilee for Ferndown TC.
- 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 Colin Howe; Seconded by Alan Reynolds; All were collectively voted in unopposed and unanimously.
- 8) a/ CU took the chair to reappoint JB as Chairman, proposed by BD, seconded by Bob Pilkington and b/ JB took back the chair thanking CU, and Colin Howe proposed his reappointment as Treasurer, seconded by JN. 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 – quite lengthy – Topics included Public speaking courses/clubs being held esp. in B’mouth; TV interview practise needed for candidates; Boundary changes possible before GE.
- 11) The Chairman pointed out the contents of the various stands around the room. He asked for assistance in clearing the room after the speakers as time was tight. He thanked all for attending and Susie Baxter for the excellent catering including homemade biscuits and cakes. Thanking in advance the Guest Speakers, our Jeremy Nieboer and Corrie Williams of New Forest West UKIP, the latter who was speaking about The EU influence within schools. The Chairman closed the meeting at 11.45c.

Appendix 1:

Basic accounts for the year to 31st March 2011.

RECEIPTS	To 31 st March 2011	To 31 st Dec 2011
Donations in cash:		
Reported to HO	£1,000.00	£0
Below reporting limit	£671.30	£232.50
Donated goods and services (notional income)	£1822.48*	£1822.48*
Membership & subscription fees	£30.00	£20.00
Fundraising	£297.80	£245.40
Sales of merchandise	£119.02	£105.02
Other	£82.96	£48.43
Total Receipts	£4,023.56	£2,473.83
PAYMENTS		
Notional expenditure	£1,822.48	£1842.48
Running costs	£588.35	£393.70
Campaign expenditure	£1,868.00	£110.25
Interest Payable	£0	£0
Conferences	£0	£0
Other	£10	£0
Total Payments	£4,288.83	£2,326.43
(Deficit)/surplus	-£265.27	£147.40
Cash & balances at start of year	£886.16	£750.92
Cash and balances at end of year	£620.89	£898.32
STATEMENT of ASSETS & LIABILITIES		
	At 31 st March 2011	At 31 st Dec 2011
Balance at bank	£620.89	£898.32
Cash	£0	£0
Creditors	£0	£0
Net Total of assets and liabilities	£620.89	£898.32
Notes * to be reported to HO.		

Dated: 28th April 2012

Signed

John L Baxter - Acting Secretary.