

U K Independence Party – Dorset North Constituency  
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting – Saturday 8th March 2014  
Held at the Village Hall, Pimperne, Dorset.

Dorset North Committee members present:

John L. Baxter [JB] – Chairman and acting Secretary : Steve Unwin [SU] PPC:  
Charles Upton [CU] Treasurer : Betty Dandridge [BD] – David L. Baxter [DB] –  
Guest Speaker – Stuart Agnew MEP

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- 1) Meeting declared open: at 11.15am by the Chairman. The Chairman welcomed all present and introduced the committee.
- 2) Apologies for absence: were received from: Mr Henry Stevens; Pat Gill, Nick Jones.
- 3) Copies of the Minutes of the AGM on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2014 had been made available to all members and copies were available in the hall. 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 2013 accounts. Opening balance of £1559.56 less expenditure of £2,825.72 and receipts of £1955.14 making a final balance of £688.98, a deficit of £840.58 during the year. [See end of the minutes for full details in Appendix 1.]. Currently £765 only in account but less debtors of £534.00 = £231.00. Funds would need to increase considerably for the EUP elections in May and the General/District Elections in May 2015. Change from the Lloyds TSB to HSBC due to the reconfiguration of the former resulting in the closure of unprofitable accounts.
- 6) The accounts were unanimously approved by the members having been proposed by JB and seconded by S.U.
- 7) Chairman's report: JB commented on County election results in 2013 and wished to put on record the excellent results achieved by members, although none manage to obtain a seat: Results Alan Kewley 2<sup>nd</sup> - 33.48% Blackmore Vale; Leonard Alabaster 3<sup>rd</sup> 22.95% Blandford; Nick Jones 2<sup>nd</sup> 31.45% Cranborne Chase; Lester Taylor 3<sup>rd</sup> 19.68% Gillingham: Lynda Dixon 3<sup>rd</sup> 26.46% Shaftesbury: Richard Lucas 2<sup>nd</sup> 20.53% Stour Vale: John Baxter 3<sup>rd</sup> [2<sup>nd</sup>=] 18.35% Verwood: Roy Wetherall 4<sup>th</sup> [2=] 17.78% Verwood: Nearby in Ferndown Ian Smith achieved 1<sup>st</sup> to become our first County Councillor in Dorset. **EUP** candidate list: 1/Dartmouth 2/Reid 3/Towler 4/McIntyre 5/Smith 6/Crawford. Good luck wished. £150 loaned by branch to HO for election funds – returnable after the election. National **membership** risen from 23,000 to 34,000. Branch membership: sadly lost Major John Ware, Mr P. Tarry, Major James Midgley. 81 less 7 + amazing 41 = 112. Local Branches have welcomed good **speakers** in the year: Dr John Millward; David Craig; Will Gilpin ex Chief Exec; Nigel Farage; Prof Tim Congden; John Tennant; Diane James; Lord Christopher Monckton; Trevor Coleman; Tim Aker; William Dartmouth; Cllr Ian Smith; Chris Fladd; Keith Cossey; Robin Grey; Rollo Reid; Tom Rubython; Stuart Agnew: Gawain Towler & Steve Unwin! DN **Newsletter** 92<sup>nd</sup> edition last Month and Dorset Digest 32<sup>nd</sup> next month. Combined numbers issued: Paper 80 [84 last yr]; email 308 [216]. First-Thursdays still popular in Charlton Inn. Delighted to have Steve Unwin selected at branch hustings as PPC. Hit ground running with weekly canvassing with a small team. General helpers list inc poster displayers now 115, half non-members!
- 8) a/ Election of Committee: Betty Dandridge wished to retire [4 yrs ago] This year we let her! Thanks for many years service to branch – flowers presented by Susie Baxter. Jeremy Nieboer also stood down, moving home to Dorset West, Worked hard & great personal expense as PPC, retaining his deposit in 2010. Wish He & wife Elizabeth every good wish for the future. CU, DB, JB willing to continue and were proposed en-bloc by Edwin Williams & seconded by LT.  
b/ There were two further applicants for the committee. Alan Reynolds [Holt] and Jo Evans [MD&NP] offered her services, the later to assist with membership issues. Proposed Colin Howes and Seconded by Jane Unwin – unanimously approved.
- 9) Election of Treasurer: proposed by Alan Kewley and seconded by Edwin Williams, Charles Upton was re-elected unopposed.

- 10) Election of the Chairman: Charles Upton took the chair. Proposed by Alan Reynolds and seconded by Jane Unwin, John Baxter was re-elected unopposed and retook the chair.
- 11) Forthcoming European Elections: 22<sup>nd</sup> May – All in place. Increased coverage of leaflets etc help needed to achieve increased vote. Correx boards available at meeting.
- 12) General Election: Steve Unwin ably assisted by his wife Jane. Rob Walter + LibDem may be complacent. Canvassing important. Several areas already covered.
- 13) UKIP Dorset North Sub Groups. DN 235sq miles. Need local bases for best results. Hoping for 2, probably Shaftesbury and another. Cf Dorset West – 3 groups.
- 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 Stuart Agnew who spoke before the meeting and left early to return to Norfolk for being the Speaker of the Day and coming so far to do so plus with Gawain Towler for the public meeting the previous night in Shaftesbury.  
The Chairman closed the meeting at 12.30.

### Appendix 1:

#### Basic accounts for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2013 [plus 2012 for comparison]

RECEIPTS	To 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec 2013	To 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec 2012
<b>Donations in cash:</b>		
Reported to HO	£0	£0.00
Below reporting limit	£267.50	£202.50
<b>Donated goods and services (notional income)</b>	£730.66*	£696.96*
<b>Membership &amp; subscription fees</b>	£60.00	£0.00
<b>Fundraising inc Sales of merchandise</b>	£896.98	£676.92
<b>Other</b>	£0	£30.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>£1,955.14</b>	<b>£1,606.38</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>		
<b>Notional expenditure</b>	£730.66	£696.96*
<b>Running costs</b>	£839.76	£248.18
<b>Campaign expenditure</b>	£757.55	£0
<b>Interest Payable</b>	£0	£0
<b>Conferences</b>	£0	£0
<b>Other</b>	£497.75	£0
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>£2825.72</b>	<b>£945.14</b>
<b>(Deficit)/surplus</b>	<b>-£870.58</b>	<b>£661.24</b>
<b>Cash &amp; balances at start of year</b>	<b>£1559.56</b>	<b>£898.32</b>
<b>Cash and balances at end of year</b>	<b>£688.98</b>	<b>£1,559.56</b>
<b>STATEMENT of ASSETS &amp; LIABILITIES</b>		
	<b>At 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2013</b>	<b>At 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2012</b>
<b>Balance at bank</b>	<b>£688.98</b>	<b>£1,559.56</b>
<b>Cash</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£0</b>
<b>Creditors</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£0</b>
<b>Net Total of assets and liabilities</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£1,559.56</b>
Notes * these have to be equal		

Dated: 8<sup>th</sup> March 2014

Signed

John L Baxter - Acting Secretary.