

**U K Independence Party – Dorset North Constituency**  
**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting – Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2009.**  
**Held at the Pimperne Village Hall, Pimperne, Dorset.**

**This AGM differed to previous years in that it was a joint event with the Bournemouth West UKIP Association under the chairmanship of Mr Rod Trelease. Being the host association Dorset North held their formal meeting after the guest Bournemouth West association with the guest speaker speaking between the two AGMs.**

Dorset North Committee members present:  
John L. Baxter – Chairman and acting Secretary  
Betty Dandridge – David L Baxter  
Guest Speaker – Mr Malcolm Wood.

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- 1) Meeting declared open at 11.30am by the Chairman. The Chairman welcomed all present and introduced the committee. The guest speaker Gawain Towler was unable to attend due to his daughter contracting a serious illness and being hospitalised. The association was fortunate and thankful that Malcolm Wood had made himself available at short notice
- 2) Apologies for absence were received from: Charles Upton – Treasurer, who had to leave the AGM just prior to the commencement, Mr. Roy Stevens, Mr Colin Howes, Mr Alan Kewley, Betty Dandridge, Eric Styles, David Maloney, Jo Tolman, Major John Ware, Brig. Erskine-Tulloch, Patricia Gill. & original Guest Speaker Gawain Towler.
- 3) Copies of the Minutes of the AGM 28<sup>th</sup> May 2008 had been made available to all members and copies were available in the hall. Proposed by Mrs B. Dandridge [BD] and seconded by Mr M. Hansford, they were accepted and approved unanimously.
- 4) There were no matters arising from the minutes. The Chairman pointed out that JB & DB were unable to vote as they were both now members of the Christchurch association due to boundary changes.
- 5) a/ In CU's absence David Baxter read out the details of the year's accounts. A copy is appended to these minutes. b/ JB then gave Membership statistics: opened at 79 less 4 non-renewals, losses were: 1 moved to Devon [David Maloney], 2 died – Capt Michael Garbutt of 3 Legged Cross & John Henry Bloxham of Sturminster Newton, 7 others left poss due to the credit crunch; One new member Charles Wake & 1 rejoiner John Lavender, giving a current figure of 69. Opening balance of £614.15, less expenditure of £1,993.28 and receipts of £2,304.77 making a final balance of £925.64.  
The accounts were approved by the members having been proposed by MH and seconded by PB.
- 6) JB then gave a brief report on the year's events.  
Point of interest Labour party nos. in 1994 – 305,189. Just prior to Blair in 1995 365,110, after the general election 405,238. In 2007, under Brown 176,891. Currently 160,000c. a drop of just over 60% of the Blair high figure.  
The BIC was the venue for the national conference last September which was deemed the best yet. JLB & John Myers were part of organising committee.  
First-Thursdays meetings – still popular and now multibranch, there being up to 7 associations who are represented frequently.  
Newsletters continue monthly, 11 a year - 85 paper 35 email. Numbers larger than association membership as some from other branches, ex-members due to boundary changes, some non-members & even some abroad receiving a copy.  
Website: Own Dorset North site started by Alex McKee. Gradually gaining content.

Events: Nov 5<sup>th</sup> 2008 Bonfire night details: Guest Malcolm & Jenny Wood, a little quieter with a total of 18 attending, altho no one there from Dorset North due to boundary changes. £167.50 raised for branch funds.

Leafleting: Blandford Forum 1516; Child Okeford 405; Motcombe 500; Charlton Marshall about 300; Holt 150; Gillingham 2000; Sturminster Newton 200+ all mostly 'Post Office closures' leading to 120 responders and 1 new member.

Preparations for elections in June:

Local candidates for County Council: Ken Dacombe – Colehill and Stapehill. John & David Baxter - Ferndown and Longham. More needed. JLB to have personalised Election Leaflet.

European Elections:

Tools: Dorset UKIP News this yr 3 editions inc. soon to be released election special. We have the 5p booklet to distribute. New leaflets expected from HO. Must not use the Remote Control DVDs as they are not UKIP but the Ind/Dem Group funded.

Nigel Farage due at the Priory Hall Christchurch on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>.

- 7) David Maloney had stood down having left the area. Best wishes for his new career in farming, & thanks for his albeit brief input to the branch. The remaining three existing committee members, John Baxter [JB], Charles Upton [CU] and Betty Dandridge [BD] had given notice that they would be happy to serve a further term, all three were proposed by Mr M. Hansford, and seconded by Mr. P. Bishop. All votes were unopposed and unanimous.
- 8) MW took the chair for this section. The voting for the Branch Officers: Chairman - John Baxter - proposed by BD, seconded by MH; Treasurer – Charles Upton – proposed by BD & seconded by MH. Both were unopposed and unanimously elected. JB then took back the chair thanking MW.
- 9) There were no candidates for any other office, something which concerned the Chairman.
- 10) As some discussion re leafleting and elections occurred during the Chairman's report any other business was curtailed there being no official points raised by advanced notice.
- 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.
- 12) The Chairman closed the meeting at 12.15. MW had spoken between the 2 AGMs.

**Dated: 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2010**

**Signed**



**John L Baxter, Acting Secretary.**

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