

Minutes of GMB W27 Tolpuddle Branch Meeting

Tuesday 7th June 2022 at 18:00 hrs

Held at Asda Training Room, Weymouth, Dorset

Attendees

Chris Hibberd (Branch Secretary) CH
Helen Collins (Branch President) HC
Michael Mullins (Branch Auditor) MM
Lesley Bresnan (Branch Auditor) LB
Sandra Reid (Branch Equalities Officer) SR

Welcome – To this Quarter 1 branch meeting

Apologies – None

Previous minutes / Matters Arising – Promotional leaflet discussed by MM. HC would prefer a physical copy to distribute in the Asda store.

Branch Q1 Accounts Approval - Branch Secretary presented accounts for approval. Proposed – CH. Seconded – HC. There is an issue with reduced income imposed by Gen Sec and it is proposed a motion to congress is generated
Proposed CH Seconded LB

W27 Tolpuddle Branch website – The branch website is up and running and approved. Proposed by HC to add a 'counter' to monitor the number of 'hits' on the website. Action CH

Proposed content of letter to W27 Branch members - In recognition of the branch website.

- Address of website and purpose.
- Encourage members, and non-members to log in, set up account and ensure their contact details are up to date.
- Primary benefits from accessing the unique W27 Tolpuddle website including events, branch meeting dates and venue etc.
- Encouragement to non-members to log in and become a GMB union member. "Unity is strength".
- Draft letter to be circulated prior to posting by South Coast office. Actioned by CH

W27 Tolpuddle Branch at Harrogate Conference 2022- CH, LB and MM attending. CH delivering motion about branch funding reduction.

Tolpuddle festival 2022 - MM confirms the festival is proceeding and the GMB field site may be shared with other unions. No BBQ proposed as previous years breaking with tradition.

Branch Secretary's Report - W27 Branch Secretary's report:

- Current branch membership significantly reduced as is the national picture.
- Regional Secretary - Justin Bowden
- General Secretary - Gary Smith
- CH and MM to work on promotional leaflet
- Branch development plan is now extant.
- Dextra is the target for new membership campaign in Gillingham (BH also involved with staff).

Any Other Business

- Obtain new branch mobile phone for HC to relieve her of personal bills. Actioned CH
- HC proposed
- CH to check with Adrian Baker about Tolpuddle festival arrangements and any changes from tradition.

Meeting ended 19:00 hrs

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 13th September 2022 at 18:00 at ASDA Weymouth training room.