UKIP NEC Meeting Minutes

03/02/24 – 12.00 to 16.00

Meeting held in London – ZOOM Link also in operation.

1. Attendance/Apologies

Ben Walker (BW), Janice Mackay (JM), Donald Mackay (DM), Jamie Baker (JB), John Poynton (JP), Gary Johnson (GJ), Ian Garbutt (IG), Patricia Mountain (PM)

Attendance via ZOOM

Neil Hamilton (NH), Peter Richardson (PR)

Apologies received from Party Secretary (PS), Anne-Marie Waters (AMW), Jack Thomson (JT), Joanna Grzesiak (JG) & Julie Carter (JC)

2. Approval of Minutes

Carried out in advance of the meeting by email.

3. Party Secretary & General Secretary Reports

There was nothing to report from the General Secretary.

(BW) updated the meeting about live legal matters on behalf of the (PS).

4. Treasurers Financial Report

(IG) gave the NEC a full report on the party's accounts since the last NEC meeting.

Proposal from (PM) that Jack Thomson (JT) be appointed as National Fundraising Co-ordinator, working in partnership with the Patrons Co-ordinator. The proposal was seconded by (IG) and the vote was carried unanimously.

5. Chairmans Report

(PM) advised the meeting that Regional Officers are now in place with the exception of Northern Ireland. There will be a meeting in NI in the very near future.

(BW) updated NEC Members on the following:

Planned cost cutting exercise, Investments, Website, Live Party Leadership Election,

(GJ) joined the meeting following travel issues.

6. Campaigning

(JM) updated on Party actions in respect of current by-elections. General discussion on uniformity of future leaflets to be used in campaigning.
The following candidates were ratified as PPC’s.

Paul De’ath  Kenilworth & South
Gerry Smith  Stratford
Leanne Barnes  Poole
Andrew Pemberton  Clacton
Gary Johnson  Newbury

Proposed by (JM), Seconded by (IG) and carried unanimously.

The NNO advised the NEC about certificate end dates, new DNO’s and new certificates.

7,  
**Strategy**

(BW) discussed plans for future external communications, campaigns and messaging. A GE suite would be designed and circulated to NERC Members based on the discussion from this meeting.

8,  
**Items from Members**

(JB) read a short statement from (JT) in his absence.

9,  
**Date of Next Meeting**

An updated 2024 Meeting Diary was circulated to NEC Members. The NEC is scheduled to meet 13/04/24 in London followed by a Patrons Dinner.

The Meeting closed at 16.05.

Ben Walker  
National Party Chairman