UKIP NEC Meeting Minutes
13/04/2024 12.00 – 4.00pm

Meeting held in London – Zoom link also in operation.

Attendance/Apologies

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

Attendance Via Zoom

Steve Hollis (SH)

Apologies received from Neil Hamilton (NH), Party Secretary (PS), Peter Richardson (PR), Anne-Marie Waters (AMW), Julie Carter (JC), Lois Perry (LP), Bill Etheridge (BE), Jack Thomson (JT), Jamie Baker (JB),

Approval of Minutes

Carried out in advance of the meeting by email.

Party Secretary and General Secretary Reports

There was nothing to report from the General Secretary. BW updated the meeting about live legal matters on behalf of (PS).

Treasurer’s Financial Report

IG gave the NEC a full report in the party’s accounts since the last NEC meeting.

Chairman’s Report and Actions

1. BW confirmed Leadership ballot papers issued.
2. BW confirmed conversation/discussion with AFD Party.
3. BW clarified, where Candidates rejected by Reform UK, they would be regarded individually, and formal approaches made to appropriate candidates by BW or JM.
4. BW proposed that DM be officially appointed as Lead Spokesperson for Scotland and Stan Robinson be officially appointed as Lead Spokesperson for North and South Wales. Proposed by GJ, seconded by JP. passed unanimously.
5. BW confirmed there will be a general message on our National Website regarding our working partnership with the English Democrats.
6. BW asked for agreement to amend our articles of association.
7. BW advised, after discussion, that the new National Nominating Officer, JM, will take up the position after the Leadership Election.
8. BW's proposed funding & Income Structure was discussed and agreed by NEC Members. Proposer GJ seconded by IG passed unanimously.
9. BW will assume the role of Patron’s Co-ordinator for the time being.
Regional Update

PM advised that regional meetings take place on a monthly basis. A vacancy exists for a replacement Regional Officer for the Eastern Region. Consideration to replace the existing reporting items is underway. PM would like to see a move to include members in NI. It was agreed this was not a pressing issue and could be left in obeyance at this time.

Campaigning

A comprehensive report by Campaign Manager (JM) was submitted. Reporting on Local Election candidates for May 2024 and the General Election. JM advised that election material was specific and available on the website. After discussion the NEC agreed a request from JM, to endorse independent candidates, who share our values (where we or our partners are not standing). A standard worded statement will be added as a news item on our National Website in each case.

Strategy

BW stressed the importance of marketing and ideas will be followed up with the new leader.

Items from members

Nothing this time.

Date of next meeting

The meeting closed at 4pm

The NEC is scheduled to meet 8th June 2024 in London.

Ben Walker
National Party Chairman