UK Independence Party NEC Meeting Minutes

14th May 2022
11 a.m. to 1 p.m. – Union Jack Club, Sandell Street, London SE1 8UJ
Joined at 1 p.m. by UK Independence Party Spokespersons

1. Attendance

Julie Carter (JC), Ben Walker (BW) Party Chairman, Neil Hamilton (NH), Donald Mackay (DM), Pat Mountain (PM), Peter Gammons (PG), Alun Elder-Brown (AEB), John Poynton (JP), Pat Bryant (PB), Jack Thomson (JT), Jamie Baker (JB), Ian Garbutt (IG), Janice Mackay (JM), Ruth Purdie (RP)

2. Apologies

Legal team
Steve Hollis

NEC attendees approved Ruth Purdie and Janice Mackay to attend the meeting.

3. Spokespersons – from 1 p.m.

Lester Taylor, Steve Unwin, Anthony Nailer, John Gartside, Jordan Gaskell, Stavroula Tomara

4. Ratification of General Secretary

Stavroula Tomara was ratified as General Secretary.

Proposed by (IG) Seconded by (PG).

2. Leader’s Report

(NH) updated the NEC on recent media engagements and priorities going forward.

3. Regional/Campaign Update

(PM) reported 27 candidates stood in the 2022 Local Elections. There were no wins although no losses either.
Responsibility for election campaigns need to return to the central system from regional control. Janice Mackay (JM) appointed National Campaign Manager.
4. **Proposal - 12 Month Strategic Plan**

(BW) opened discussions regarding change to the emphasis of the party and the need to remind the public that UKIP is an anti-establishment party. (NH) suggested a name change to *UK Independent* rather than *UK Independence* for a new USP.

(BW) suggested a new slogan: *People not Politics.*
A new logo to be given consideration, omitting ‘UKIP’, standardising all leaflets.

Consideration to be given to a new phased Branch structure, focusing on PPCs.

**Item 1**
Ratification of UKIP Spokes people – Leader Approved

**Items 2 – 17**
- Drive to focus on *People – not Politics*
- Campaign team structure to revert to a National Campaign Manager
- Change to logo
- Build Councillor base by occupying vacant seats
- Mail out to membership by Royal Mail
- UKIP Taxi’s own page on the website
- Adoption of organigram
- New structure (Items 9-17)

Proposed by (PG) Seconded by (IG)
Voted **FOR** - 9  Voted **AGAINST** – 2

(BW) to circulate NEC contact list to all members.

5a. **Accounts**

2021 Accounts has been signed off by the Party Treasurer and submitted Companies House. NEC to accept 2021 Accounts.

Proposed by (AEB), Seconded by (JP), supported unanimously by the NEC.

5b. **New Leaflet Examples**

Examples of leaflets available were circulated to members. These are available to order via the website. Delivery chargeable only.

5c. **Parliamentary By-Elections**

The party will stand candidates in Wakefield and Tiverton & Honiton by-elections.

6. **Date of next meeting**

The next NEC meeting will take place on 7th June via Zoom.

The meeting was closed at 1 p.m.

7. **Lunch with New UKIP Spokespeople**

Ben Walker
National Party Chairman