UKIP NEC Meeting Minutes

15/10/22 – 12.00 to 16.00

Meeting held in London – ZOOM Link also in operation for Tech Report

1. Attendance

Ben Walker (BW), Neil Hamilton (NH), Donald Mackay (DM), Pat Mountain (PM), Jamie Baker (JB), John Poynton (JP), Peter Gammons (PG), Janice Mackay (JM), Alun Elder-Brown (AEB), Julie Carter (JC), Jack Thomson (JT), Rebeca Jane (RJ), Treasure Okwu (TO)

Attendance via ZOOM

Rob McWhirter (RM), Gary Johnson (GJ), Ian Garbutt (IG)

2. Welcomes & Apologies

Apologies received from Pat Bryant, Party Secretary, Jordan Gaskell & Steve Hollis.

The NEC were informed of the appointments of Rebecca Jane as the party’s Deputy Leader and Treasure Okwu as the General Secretary. Both appointments were unanimously support by the NEC. (RJ) gave a short presentation about herself and the existing unification project.

New NEC members present were also welcomed to their first meeting as elected members.

3. Approval of minutes

This had already been approved by NEC members by email. (JP) raised a point about an alteration to Housing Policy which hadn’t been mentioned in the minutes. (PM) will discuss the document with the Policy Team.

4. UKIP Tech Group Update

(RW) presented the latest updates to the party website and a presentation about conference press coverage which would be shared by (BW).

5. Leaders Update

(NH) gave an update on his recent media appearances and his thoughts on the recent party conference. He paid thanks to all involved and (BW) for organising it.

6. Treasurers Update

(IG) reported on the balances of party accounts and conference spending.

7. Party Secretary & General Secretary Reports

(BW) have a short update on behalf of the Party Secretary. There was no report from the General Secretary as there was nothing to report.
8. **Chairman’s Report**

(PM) presented the NEC with a short conference wash-up. (BW) gave some initial costs for Conference 2023 as work had already begun. Further work will be carried out and reported on at the next NEC meeting.

(BW) informed the NEC of a new service arrangement between Voice of Wales and the party concerning media production.

The NEC also discussed Richard Fullerton’s presentation from conference and agreed to use parts of its text for the website. (BW) would discuss directly with Richard.

9. **Local Elections & Campaign Manager Report**

(JM) submitted a full report on her work to date which had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Following non-response from some regions the following members were proposed as PPC’s using the NEC’s executive power for this function.

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Proposed by (IG), seconded by (JT), and carried unanimously by voting members.

(BW) thanked (JM) for her continued hard work which was supported by NEC members.

9. **National Nominating Officer Report**

(JB) updated the NEC on his work to date.

10. **Branch Structure Officer Report & Branch Mergers.**

There was no report. As the bulk of mergers had now been carried out, it was decided to remove the Branch Structure Position from the NEC as Head Office was now managing mergers suggested by regions comfortably.

The following branch mergers were proposed by (JP), seconded by (IG), and agreed unanimously to become London Branch.


11. **Regional Officers Meeting Report**

(PM) reported on a successful Regional Meeting which had taken place in advance of the NEC Meeting via ZOOM.
12, Any Other Business

(PM) asked if it was possible to add Policy Team Bio’s to the website for its members. This was considered a good idea. (PM) would supply (BW) with the required text and he would action.

It was also decided that Regional Officers were to be automatically sent updated membership lists from Head Office which included all reports. (BW) would action.

(BW) would also investigate, procure, and make available pop-up stalls of some description from the UKIP Online Shop for purchase by activists.

(PM) asked if Spokes People could attend a joint NEC/Spokes meeting using the December meeting date. Members felt this was a good idea and (BW) would action.

13, Date of Next Meeting

The NEC is scheduled to meet on ZOOM – 08/11/22.

The Meeting closed at 15.10

Ben Walker
National Party Chairman