

1. **Apologies:** Tim Allan, Paul Hagan

2. **Minutes & action points of the last meeting and matters arising:** Minutes agreed.

### 3. Reports from officers and correspondence

a. Chair

- Jo thanked the Committee for the organisation of the pub quiz on 16 November 2016, in particular Paul Hagan for setting the questions and Paul Hodson for being MC. 791 EUR (£680) had been raised for the Jo Cox Fund. The Committee also thanked Jo and David Earnshaw for hosting the Winter Social in December.

b. Secretary

- The Committee minutes are now up-to-date and have been uploaded to the website.
- New membership cards with updated bank details could now be ordered.

c. Treasurer

- Accounts in credit.
- The new bank account with KBC is now operational. Branch members have been advised of new account details and to update their standing orders.
- Belinda has transferred the proceeds of the pub quiz to the Jo Cox Fund.
- The accounts for the AGM are under preparation. Belinda will prepare proposal for next meeting regarding items of expenditure above 500 EUR.

d. Membership secretary.

- The LICC Secretary Lorraine Hardy has sent an updated list of LI members in Belgium. Two new members since the last meeting.
- Work on consolidating the mailing list and database is ongoing.

### 4. Branch meetings and other events in 2017

- **Wednesday 25 January** - Sion Simon MEP is confirmed. FEPS is booked for 19:30. Belinda to buy refreshments (40 EUR budget) and Martin to write up for Germinal.
- **Tuesday 28 February** – Jos is in contact with a potential speaker. Arrangements to be finalised at the next meeting.
- **Wednesday 22 March AGM** – Jo to contact potential speaker. Arrangements to be discussed further at the next meeting.

### 5. Communications, website, mailings, Germinal

- Germinal: latest edition was published for Winter Social. Isobel to circulate in next mailing. Next edition to be prepared for AGM, collating ongoing articles.
- Website is up-to-date.

- Next mailing to include bank account change of details, Germinal and details of 25 January Branch meeting. Any further inputs to be sent to Isobel by Friday.
- It was agreed that Tim should be asked to take on responsibility for the BL twitter account.

#### **6. Sister parties**

- sp.a will hold New Year reception on 15 January. Jo to circulate details.

#### **7. LI**

- Jos attended the NPF meeting on 19-20 November as the LI delegate. A report had been published on the LI website.

**8. AOB:** Elections to the LME (Labour Movement for Europe) Executive are taking place soon. The Committee was encouraged to join LME if not already done so.

**9. Next meeting: Monday 6 February @ Keir**