

## 1. Apologies: Tom, Imogen

## 2. Minutes & action points of the last meeting and matters arising

The Chair informed the Committee that no action had been taken on writing to Mike Gapes as he has not yet been informed of LI's decision and the minutes of September's meeting were amended to reflect the situation.

The minutes were also amended to reflect that Peter Wragg was to be asked to lead, not carry out a review, in conjunction with members of the Executive Committee.

The minutes were approved

## 3. Reports from officers and correspondence

### a. Chair

The Chair noted that September had been a busy month, beginning with the trip to Ypres, BL participation at the Labour Party Conference, the inauguration of Place Jo Cox which had been a very moving event, BL campaigning and a successful candidates meeting ahead of the Communal elections. He thanked Paul Hagan and Rosemary Hindle for their efforts in making the Ypres event a success. He also thanked members of Islington North CLP who joined BL members in campaigning in the Communal elections.

### b. Secretary

The Secretary's report was covered in other agenda items.

### c. Treasurer

The Treasurer reported that the account is in credit. He noted that financing for the BL/FEPS fringe event at the Labour Party Conference still needed to be resolved but that FEPS have already paid their contribution.

He also clarified how Jo and Keir should request reimbursement for their election expenses, following the Committee's decision in July to support their campaigns.

### d. Membership Secretary

Jo reported that there are 191 active members of LI living in Belgium and will continue to follow up, noting that accessing membersnet was not straightforward.

## 4. Branch meetings and other events in 2018

### a. Branch Meetings

**17 October:** Jo will follow up with Paul Magonette's team to check his availability for the meeting. The possibility of inviting Keir Starmer if he was in Brussels was also discussed if this did not prove to be possible.

**21 November:** Pub Quiz. It was decided to ask Tom to coordinate the arrangements for the quiz and Jo and Simon will find a venue. Committee members undertook to devise the questions on different topics. There will be a raffle – entry will be 20 euro per team (of four) or 5 euro per person.

**5 December-** Jo and David will once again host the Christmas Social

### b. Social events

**14 December** – it was noted to invite Paul and Myriam to the Executive Christmas dinner, as a thank you for organising the visit to Ypres.

### **c. Fringe Event at Conference**

David updated the Committee on the arrangements for the fringe event organised with FEPS on the theme “What next for Labour in Europe?” Brendan Howlin, Leader of the Irish Labour Party has confirmed, together with Richard Corbett, and other possible speakers have been approached.

David outlined the costs involved, which were higher than what had been already foreseen in the budget presented to the AGM. It was thus agreed to present a resolution at the next Branch meeting requesting approval of the Branch for additional expenditure of 250 euro for the fringe event.

## **6. Labour Party Conference**

It was agreed that the Labour Party Conference had been very well organised. The motions on Brexit and open selection were discussed.

Jos suggested that those involved in organising the Fringe meeting should prepare a “how to” guide with a checklist, price guide and list of contacts to support the next Committee when organising future events. The importance of beginning preparations early was also noted and it was suggested to add this to the agenda for the next meeting.

## **7. LI**

It was suggested to submit articles from Germinal to the LI newsletter and that Committee members should take turns to attend the LI virtual meetings

## **8. NPF**

The NPF will not be abolished following the Democracy review but will be reviewed by the NEC. It was noted that a Chair was still to be appointed and a date set for the next meeting.

## **9. Sister Parties**

It was proposed to follow up with the Sister Parties following the Communal elections.

## **9. Communications, website, mailings, Germinal**

It was proposed to write an article on the Communal elections campaign for the next edition of Germinal and the website.

## **10. AOB**

David advised the Committee that Eleanor has resigned from the Committee due to study and work commitments. Given the short timescale until the next Committee elections, it was agreed that the Chair would approach possible candidates for co-option for the short time remaining.

## **11.. Date of next meeting 7 November**

Keir to host