



Brussels Labour Executive Committee

Minutes Wednesday 6 March 2019

1. Apologies were received from Imogen, Simon, Charlotte

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

The minutes were approved

2. Reports from officers and correspondence

a. Chair

The Chair reported on the John Fitzmaurice lecture with Lord Andrew Adonis, which had gone well. His efforts to remember John Fitzmaurice were much appreciated. Rosemary will draft a thank you letter and float the possibility of him being a guest speaker for the BL Fringe event.

b. Secretary

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

c. Treasurer

The Treasurer reported that he has submitted the financial statements to the auditors. He noted a reduction in subscriptions, which resulted in a very small deficit. The FEPS payment still needs to be reconciled – Jos will send an invoice to FEPS for the 600 euro which is still outstanding.

d. Membership Secretary

Isobel and Jo will liaise with Jos to follow up on outstanding membership subscriptions.

3. Branch meetings and other events in 2019

- a. **AGM | 20 March.** It was decided because of other conflicting events to bring forward the starting time of the AGM to 18:30, if this was convenient for FEPS. Tom will check on the availability of Wajid Khan MEP.
- b. **24th April** Jos will finalise the paper on the future of the Branch based on the previous discussions for circulation ahead of the meeting. It could also be combined with a discussion on the Belgian and European elections. Tom will ask his contacts in sp-a if they would be interested in speaking, while Jo will ask the PS if they can send a representative

4. Labour Party Conference

Charlotte, Jos and David will arrange a meeting to discuss the conference fringe event

5. LI

Rosemary will contact Colin and ask him to attend the AGM to update on LI, the proposed new rules and the process for the LICC elections

Isobel, Jo and Keir will meet to discuss the proposed changes and draft a letter with our comments to send to the General Secretary

6. NPF

Jos reported on the recent NPF meeting. The process for input is problematic, for example, not being able to see the draft consultation documents from the other committees. LI's response will be coordinated through their policy officer. It was proposed to discuss the commissions at the May meeting.

7. Communications

It was proposed that the editor should send Germinal to LI for its inclusion in the newsletter when each issue is produced.

8. Sister parties

Will contact them about the arrangements for the 29th March, depending on what happens.

8. **Date of next meeting:** 10 April – hosting tbc