



# Members' AGM minutes | 09/02/17

## Attendance

Anjona Roy (**AR**);  
Andy Gunton (**AG**); Sharon Prendergast (**SP**); Sonya Andermahr (**SA**); Adrian Scandrett (**AS**); Claire Harris (**CH**); Joe O'Neil (**JON**); Pat Markey (**PM**); Iain McSporran (**IM**); Paul Bosworth (**PB**); Rachel Cooley (**RC**); Russ Hickman (**RH**); Emmanuelle Adidi (**EA**); Winston Strachan (**WS**); Andrew Fruish (**AF**).

## Apologies

Paul Crofts (**PC**); Laurence Humphries (**LH**); Brian Ingram (**BI**).

**Chair's report AR** Informed the meeting that we have had a very successful 12 months, staging several events including a 400-plus vigil following the Orlando shootings.

**Treasurer's report AG** informed the meeting that we have £288.92 in the bank account, although we have outstanding bills to the amount of ~£120. (This includes hire of the Doddridge Centre which was a joint event with Save Northants Services.)

**CLP Liaison report | South Northants AS and SA** provided a report-back. South Northants CLP has discussed the Corbyn 10 Pledges and want to make them the core of campaigning over the next period. The CLP had agreed. It was also noted that **AS** is now CLP secretary, while **SA** is vice-chair.

**RH** queried if it was still possible to have input to the County election manifesto.

**CLP Liaison report | Northampton SP** provided a report-back, noting a successful year. Momentum members and supporters filled the majority of CLP positions and were taking many

of the positions in the new-launched branch parties.

There was a wide-ranging discussion with contributions from **PB, AR, SA, PM, WS,** and **AG**.

A query was raised regarding the four wards which fall within the Northampton borough boundary but are also within the South Northants parliamentary constituency and which party body they should form part of.

**Officer elections AG** introduced the elections for officer positions. There was a discussion re: the status of the steering committee (SC) and all-member meetings.

Arising from the discussion, **AG** proposed that the SC would operate primarily through the SC Google Group while all-member meetings would take place every two months. This would not preclude the SC physically meeting should such a meeting be deemed appropriate.

The SC would be empowered to make decisions and/or issue statement where time was an issue and that

such action must be brought to an all-members' meeting for ratification.

**SA, SP, PM, AS** and **AG** contributed to the discussion. **PM** advised the meeting that there were two important Momentum meetings organised in March: the first was the Grassroots Momentum meeting organised by the Conference Arrangements Committee which was happening on 11 March; the second was the conference organised by the new NCG on 25 March. Members should be encouraged to attend both, he argued.

The proposal re: how the SC should operate was put and passed: 11 for; one against; three abstentions. Elections were then conducted and officers elected unopposed as follows:

- Chair & Fund-raising: Claire Harris
- Vice Chair: Pat Markey
- Secretary & Data Manager: Andy Gunton
- Treasurer: Ian Macsporrán
- Social Media Managers: Sharon Prendergast; Russ Hickman
- Youth & Students: deferred
- LGBT: Rachel Cooley
- BAME: Winston Strachan
- Disability: Sharon Prendergast; Claire Harris
- TULO: Paul Bosworth
- Northampton CLP Liaison: Sharon Prendergast
- Northampton Delegate: Russ Hickman
- South Northants CLP Liaison: Adrian Scandrett
- South Northants Delegate: Melissa Fazackerley
- Kettering CLP Liaison: Laurence Humphries\*
- Kettering Delegate: deferred
- Wellingborough CLP Liaison: Paul Crofts\*
- Wellingborough Delegate: deferred
- Corby CLP Liaison: deferred
- Corby Delegate: deferred
- Daventry CLP Liaison: deferred
- Daventry Delegate: deferred

**Motion | Momentum Constitution AG** moved the motion on the Momentum constitution, **PM** seconded. There was a general discussion and a consensus that the imposition of a constitution was wrong but the correct response was not to split Momentum but to maintain the previous structures while continuing to engage with national Momentum.

It was noted that Momentum existed because of the local groups and it was important these were maintained.

The motion was put to the meeting and passed unanimously.

**Motion | Momentum Constitution AG** moved the motion on creating a county-wide Google Group for members and supporters, **SA** seconded.

**RH** raised a concern regarding the motives behind the motion which **AG** responded to, explaining that it was intended to draw more members into discussion and debate - especially those who struggled to attend meetings. There were additional contributions from **AR** and **CB**.

**PB** moved that the vote be taken; this was passed. The motion was carried: 12 for; none against; three abstentions.

**County Council elections** There was a general discussion re: the forthcoming county council elections. General unhappiness at the lack of organisation by the regional party. Many divisions still did not have candidates selected.

The meeting noted that the following pro-Corbyn and/or anti-austerity candidates had so far been selected: Sophie Johnson; Terrie Eales; Gareth Eales; Rachel Cooley; Julie Davenport; Paul Joyce; Winston Strachan.

The meeting instructed the in-coming SC to organise Momentum members and supporters to be active in the elections.

**AOB** There is an anti-cuts demo on Tuesday 14 February, 1:30pm, County Hall, Northampton, organised by SNS and supported by the Labour Party. **PM** informed the meetings of the national anti-Trump/anti-racism demo on 18 March. **AR** reminded the meeting of the One Day Without Us campaign.

**The meeting closed at 9:13pm**



\*Indicated interest but unable to attend.