

## **SOUTHEND LIBERAL DEMOCRATS LOCAL PARTY**

### **MINUTES OF OFFICERS' MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD BY ZOOM**

**10 May 2021**

**Present:** Billy Boulton (Chair/Events & Fundraising Officer/CPW), Chris Hind (Membership Development Officer/CPW), Granville Stride (Secretary/Data Officer/Membership Secretary/L&WL), Katie Kurilecz (Communications Officer/L&WL) & Pippa Higgins (Vice-Chair/B&BP).

*Reports circulated in advance are shown in italics.*

- 1. Apologies for absence.** Bob Howes (Campaigns Chair/CPW) & John Batch (Treasurer/SE).
- 2. Minutes of last meetings.**

**A. MINUTES OF SOUTHEND LIBERAL DEMOCRATS LP OFFICER'S MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING - MONDAY, 8<sup>T</sup> FEBRUARY 2021.**

Agreed to be an accurate record.

**B. MINUTES SOUTHEND LIBERAL DEMOCRATS LP EXECUTIVE MEETING - MONDAY, 8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2021.**

Noted.

- 3. Matters arising from minutes.** BB is proceeding to set up an *easyfundraising* account.
- 4. Plan review of 6 May 2021 election campaign & results.**

It was decided that the Campaigns Committee meeting planned to be held on 24<sup>th</sup> May should be moved to 27<sup>th</sup> May, to allow time for activists/members to be surveyed to ask them for their opinions on the recent election campaign. KK will speak to BH and draft surveys. BB will speak to Ashley Thompson about arranging for Mary Regnier-Wilson from Region to attend a meeting in due course to provide Southend LP with support and advice on organisation and campaigning. [Subsequent to the meeting, it is now likely that the Election Review meeting will be held by Zoom on 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> June with the Core Team of LP activists being invited. A general in-person meeting, which it is hoped MR-W will attend and to which all members and registered supporters will be invited, will be organised as soon as possible thereafter.]

BB will send a note of thanks and congratulations to all Southend Lib Dem May 2021 candidates.

Carole Mulroney will send an email to the complete email list announcing the results of the election campaign. The email will contain an invitation to take part in the national Party's Summer Draw. The email is currently being drafted by KK and CM.

**5. Replacement of Officers.**

It was noted that Nina Stimson had resigned from the role of Political Officer, Dean Murphy (Diversity Officer) had moved away from Southend and John Batch had expressed a wish to resign from the position of Treasurer. Various people were identified who might agree to act as replacements and BB will contact them with the intention of making appointments at the 14<sup>th</sup> June Executive.

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#### **6. Diversity Action Plan.**

GS will contact Dean Murphy to obtain the draft plan that DM was preparing with the intention of submitting it to the 14<sup>th</sup> June Executive.

#### **7. Prospective Parliamentary Candidate selection.**

The national Party requires that every LP has a Diversity Officer and Plan in place before it proceeds to select a PPC - see the previous two Agenda items.

#### **8. Consider what action to take in respond of dormant Branches (B&BP & SE).**

**Belfairs & Blenheim Park.** Once Covid restrictions allow, an in-person SGM of all B&BP members will be called with the intention of seeing whether it is possible to appoint the necessary Branch Officers and Committee. If not, the running of the Branch will be taken over by the Executive as previously agreed.

**Southend East.** Following all SE Members being provided with the appropriate notice, an SGM was held by Zoom. The meeting was unable to appoint the necessary Branch Officers and Committee. The future status of the Branch will therefore be considered at the 14<sup>th</sup> June Executive, with the intention of dissolving the Branch in accordance with Article 8.7 of the Southend LP Constitution.

#### **9. Plan 2021-2022 campaigning activity.**

To be considered at the Campaigns Committee meeting scheduled for 24<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup> May.

#### **10. Lancaster-Lubel Trophy.**

BB said that there is currently no written-down criteria for the award of this trophy. It was proposed that, in future, the trophy should be awarded each year at the Southend LP AGM to "The Branch, Ward or group of people in Southend LP that has made the most outstanding contribution to campaigning over the previous 12 months.". The decision as to the recipients of the trophy will be made by a group consisting of the President, Chair and Vice-Chair of the Southend LP. This proposal will be submitted to the 14<sup>th</sup> June Executive for approval.

#### **11. Any other business.**

It was agreed that Southend LP should participate in the national Party's Summer Draw. GS will organise.

Especially in view of the successful launch of a number of videos during the May 2021 election campaign, it was agreed to buy a 12 month licence for the Vimeo Pro platform at a cost of £226.80.

It was agreed not to buy marked registers for the Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner election.

#### **12. Next Meetings (all to be held on Zoom).**

Campaigns Committee. Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> or Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> May at 8pm.

Executive Committee. Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30 pm.

Officers' Management Committee. Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> July at 8 pm.