



Newark & District Branch Labour Party

Minutes of meeting held at the Rutland Arms, Barnbygate, Newark on Monday 23rd June 2008 at 7.30PM

1. **Present:** Eric Bignell, Adrian Bradbury, Ian Campbell (Chair), Laurence Goff, Leonard Hall, Alan Hannaford, Ivan Jarunek, Maggie Johnstone, Graham Keal (Guest), Olga Newstead, Paul Newstead, Carola Richards, David Roberts, Kathy Salt (Guest Speaker), Clive Wetton (Secretary)

Apologies: Vic Hall, Peter Parker, Norman Sheppard

2. **Minutes** of the previous meeting were approved. **Matters Arising:**

Item 4b – marked registers were collected from Kelham Hall by Paul and Olga and were passed to Clive. The bill has not yet been paid because NSDC have not provided an invoice.

Item 4c – Ian asked why this meeting is at Rutland Arms rather than Castle & Falcon as stated in minutes. Castle & Falcon not available. In addition Rutland Arms are trying to charge us for use of the room. AH to speak to landlord. If not able to resolve we will consider using The Vine in future.

3. **Correspondence:** None received

4. **Officer Reports:**

Chair: Wishes to have a guest speaker at every meeting to promote discussion and debate

Secretary: No report as everything is covered elsewhere on agenda

Treasurer: No report as still no treasurer. CW to meet up with Paul Tate in the next two weeks to obtain books. Approx £1600 in bank according to statement passed to CW recently.

5. **Local issues:**

- a. **Magnus District Council by-election – 24th July 2008:** It was proposed and agreed that no candidate be selected to fight this by-election because a) we need to use all our resources to fight the Beacon Town Council by-election and b) the local Independents have a candidate standing so the Tory candidate will not be elected unopposed.
- b. **Beacon Town Council by-election – 24th July 2008:** Laurence Goff is the only nominated candidate for this by-election. Members from the Beacon Ward were asked to officially ratify him as the candidate which they did. We will be using Contact Creator to target specific voter groups, e.g. postal voters, during this campaign.

6. Any other business:

- a. LG raised the County Council selection process for next year's elections. This will be dealt with over the next couple of months.
- b. Next CLP meeting was scheduled to be 15th July but the room is not available. Now to be held at the Vine.
- c. Date of next Branch Meeting – Monday 18th August. Venue to be decided.

7. Guest Speaker – Kathy Salt – European Election Candidate

Kathy introduced herself and explained her beliefs before outlining the party's past achievements in Europe and future direction. A lively debate followed on a large number of interesting topics.

Meeting closed at 9:30PM