

Green Party of Wolverhampton AGM

AGM - 22 July 2024 - ONLINE ZOOM Meeting

Opening Chair – Coordinator of Meeting: Paul Darke

In Attendance: Isabel Gillis (IG), Stephen Petter (SP), Andrea Cantrill (AC), Joy Petit Gittos (JPG), Dominic Walters (D), Paul Darke (PD), Mohammad Nasseem (MN), Mike Jenkins (MJ), Hardev Singh (HS), Kwaku Tano-Yeboah (KTY), Jenny Hibel (JH).

Apologies: Helen Curry and Mia Clark

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Approved

Officers Reports:

Coordinators Report: Paul Darke

PD talked about the 3 elections: By Election at the end of 2023 / Local Elections in May 2024 / General Election July 4th 2024. Greens did well: aim was to get one deposit back and we did indeed get 1 deposit back. Additionally, we nearly got another deposit back (being about 30 votes short of 5%. In the third constituency we did better than ever. We beat the LibDems in all three constituencies.

Don Gwinnett stated that there were issues with campaign (or the fact that we did no campaign); the Coordinator agreed with this. The next meeting – none-AGM (see date of next ordinary meeting) - will focus on the GE campaign, actions and results at next meeting. Finally, thanks were given to all candidates who stood in the local election and the three who stood in the General Election.

Nominations Officer – Paul Darke

PD spoke about the number of candidates we had in the local election (not a full slate) but how it has progressed to each candidate taking, where possible, more responsibility for their own nomination process. All three MP candidates got their own Nomination Forms completed with only one being initially rejected (PD's) due to having been nominated by EU citizens (which is no longer allowed). This was corrected and subsequently accepted. PD noted that all subsequent requirements also met, especially the return of expenses for all three candidates (as PD was the agent for all three candidates).

Digital Media Officer – Don Gwinnett

DG talked about the difficulties of Facebook ads and how we will further explore that for 2025 onwards. DG further talked about the website and the issues with it (especially as a 'wordpress' site) and the inability to email members with attachments (they are only placed on-line – as with this AGM Minutes).

Treasurer – Mike Jenkins

MJ talked through the two additional documents (available online) and clearly explained the local Party's financial situation. In essence: we have £1600 and, after the loss of two deposits, we now have £600. A further discussion was held about the continuing work to get a Bank Account (as opposed to our current Building Society Account Book). It was agreed that we will now approach the National Party to help us find a solution. See Additional Documents online: *WGP AGM TreasurersReport2024, Accounts-23, and Q2-2024_Balance*.

No Other Officer Reports available or given.

Election of Officers:

All Officers Stood Down and All Nominations were re-opened.

DG took on the Chair role for the new election of the Chair / Coordinator.

PD put himself forward, and was the only candidate, and this was proposed and seconded and agreed. PD took over the meeting.

All Other Officer Roles were then selected: Each was the only candidate who put themselves forward and who was then proposed and seconded, by separate members, as per rules. Each was then elected unopposed though not necessarily unanimously. No objections were made but abstentions were noted against PD in all his roles.

Officer for 2024-2025 are:

Coordinator: Paul Darke

Treasurer: Mike Jenkins

Deputy Treasurer: Jenny Hibel

PPERA: Jenny Hibel

Membership: Jenny Hibel

Digital (Website) & Social Media: Don Gwinnett

Nominations & Elections: Paul Darke

Secretary: Hardev Singh

Fundraising: Stephen Petter

AOB - NONE

Next Meeting: 7 pm Monday 16th of September 2024*.

*This will be a face-to-face meeting at Tettenhall Institute. If that space is not available, then it will be an online meeting on TEAMS (as Zoom only lasts 40 minutes and we have the availability of unlimited TEAMS). Instructions will be sent out in early September as to location.