

Minutes of Warwick Labour Executive Committee

16/06/2017



Meeting	Week 37, Term 3 - 16/06/2017
Present	Julia Pearson, Emma Worrall, Alex Delameilleure, Tilly Smith, Rob Blagov, Adam Taylor, Nathan Lavenstein, Carys Hill, Tom Honeywell
Apologies	Faiza Akhtar, James Curley, Laura Addison, Jack Hogg
Absent	None
Observers	None

Agenda
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Warwick Labour Blog2. Finance Update3. Freshers' Fair4. Handover Prep5. Lefty Lattes6. Chair's Comments on the Election Campaign7. Discussion on EGM8. Social Media9. Campaigning10. Talks & Events11. Labour Party Annual Conference12. AOB13. Socials Excluding Red Tie14. Red Tie

Action Points For Next Meeting		
Agenda No	Item	Person
1	Post Eleanor's finished blog post	James
4	Add election guidelines to Google Docs	Julia
7	Organise constitution working group meeting	Nathan
7	Create draft of constitutional issues	Tom
8	Contact previous exec to complete social media handover	Julia, Jack
12	Return confidential data to CLP	Julia
12	Organise next exec meeting	Nathan
14	Assorted Red Tie Prep	Alex

1 - Blog
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recent posts – Eleanor Sowden to edit FB post for blog

2 – Finance Update
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No reply from SU on submitted budget – not expected until October

3 – Fresher's Fair

- Stall form submitted – requested not to be next to Warwick Tories, Warwick Marxists or NALF

4 – Handover Prep

- Snap election guidelines put together by Julia
- To be added to Google Docs

5 – Lefty Lattes

- Thursday's session to run with general election results as focus
- Nathan and Carys volunteered to run circles
- Emma requested the safe space policy be re-stated beforehand

6 – Chair's Comments on the Election Campaign

- Julia congratulated the exec on their campaign performance
- Attention to Tom: high performance showed validation of consolidation of Vice-Chair role
- Exec now able to transition to more 'peacetime' role

7 – Discussion on EGM

- Quorum will not be met Wk9/10 – cannot call EGM
- Need for consultation before old members leave
- Tom: need for consultation and to revisit constitution
- EGM could occur from Week 5 – holding with Labour Students elections in December would ease organisation and allow initial focus on welcoming new members
- Tom/Emma have looked at issues with current constitution and re-written where needed
- Julia suggested running through proposed changes with interested exec members
- Nathan: legality of passing amendments under flawed constitutions – Julia: last 2 EGMs have been illegal but passed amendment without SU comment – previous execs have ignored or not realised issues exist
- Duty to examine constitution at past AGMs ignored
- Tom happy to look over and sort out end of Term 1 – process off-putting for new members
- Julia: constitution and by-laws need to be examined before revisions can be drafted
- Tom: will examine for next exec meeting – can decide on consultation
- Julia: working group to meet up – Tue before exec meeting
- Emma/Julia: previously- proposed amendments as part of constitution

8 – Social Media

- Poor social media performance – little content – Julia has posted half FB
- Previous exec still has access
- Tom: Matt's activity was useful b/c little activities posted by Jack
- Carys: has received complaints over lack of content and forwarded images for posting without response
- Alex: good to have second person responsible – e.g. James

- Tom: Would be good for wider exec to have access. Julia: roles open for those for those willing
- Examples of other execs EngSoc/PolSoc – all members have admin access to FB pages
- Emma: Instagram/Snapchat locked out – Jack does not have access

9 – Campaigning

- Thanks to Carys/Alex from Tom for leading sessions
- Campaigning was high-quality – high participation from exec and engaging new members
- High possibility of new snap election – Warwick and Leamington as new focus as Labour marginal
- Julia: Issues when campaigning in Coventry South – better relations with Leamington CLP
- New electoral realities mean Warwick and Leam is new focus
- Tom: will have plan – new snap election plan means action can be quick
- Julia/Matt: will speak to Matt Western MP to let him know where the Society stands
- Term 1 campaign training event to engage new members
- Coventry Council elections as focus if no general election called

10 – Talks & Events

- Will wait ~1wk before sending contact emails
- Emma to seek Big Name for freshers' address – Matt Western MP as possibility
- Tom: Tom Watson as possibility given contact with Birmingham campaigning
- Emma: Chance to make contacts at Party Conference

11 – Labour Party Annual Conference Conference

- Tom: some members have already made arrangements
- Suggested informal group chat for members attending as with previous years - allows informal meetup
- Tom will make FB post in run-up to event

12 - AOB

- Tilly: WL has contact creator logins for CLP – can access data
- Tilly has confidential data needs to be returned
- Julia agreed to return data to CLP HQ

13 – Socials Excluding Red Tie

- Charity Football – event up, Alex to make post concerning bake sale – will mention allergies
- Charity: CALM
- Training ongoing – Thurs/Sat
- Jo Cox event – have heard back from parties save Greens – 1 hour after football. Carys: can store stuff at Westwood
- Members to bring own food/buy from Tesco
- BBQ Thursday 22nd at JM Block 4 – can reschedule for poor weather
- Booked from 4-11 – poll made up to ensure different things brought – Alex to do ASAP
- Disposable BBQs – keep veggie/dietary foods separate
- Week 10 – karaoke

14 – Red Tie Dinner

- Photography – Jamie and Ben Hayday
- Awards: Alex has shortlist – Tom/Julia to approve
- Julia: all departing third years to be mentioned
- Meals/tables finalised – seating chart has been received
- Nametags – prepared by Alex
- Ticket sales: 41 – dozen more than last year
- Timings: setup preferred early in day – people in Leam to help – Tom suggested his house to Alex to prep
- Pre-drinks: unofficial event in Leam beforehand
- Afterparty: Hannah Wright’s house re-secured as location
- Alex will post details with table plan
- Speeches: list of names held by Alex – no more than 5 mins
- Carys: suggested Becky talk about Jo Cox as part of leadership programme – Alex to chat
- Julia: concern about Ramadan observance – Faiza has made post in BAME caucus and no concerns raised
- Alex to lead/present awards – after dinner
- Speeches 4-5 mins, Julia’s slightly longer (before dinner)
- Liam Jackson’s speakers to be procured
- Plan to leave venue around 2300 – venue available until 2400 - finish time not finalised
- Travel from campus: people to make informal plans