

Peckham Labour Party | GC Meeting | 25th July 2024

- Minutes -

Attendees (the meeting is quorate)

Marq Bailey (additional GC Delegate, Rye Lane)
John Carr (additional GC Delegate, St Giles)
Jocalyn Clar (additional GC Delegate, St Giles)
Mohamed Deen (ex officio GC Delegate, North Walworth)
Caspian Dennis (ex officio GC Delegate, St Giles)
Katherine Downing (ex officio GC Delegate, North Walworth)
Giovanni Forti (CLP Secretary; ex officio GC Delegate, Nunhead)
Philip Gray (ex officio GC Delegate, St Giles)
Dan Groshev (ex officio GC Delegate, Rye Lane)
Barrie Hargrove (GC Delegate, Labour Movement for Europe)
Deborah Hobson (CLP Tulo; ex officio GC Delegate, St Giles)
Caroline Horgan (CLP Chair and Interim Treasurer; ex officio GC Delegate, Rye Lane)
Tracy Julian (ex officio GC Delegate, Peckham BLP)
Isatu Lakoh (ex officio GC Delegate, Peckham BLP)
Sunny Lambe (ex officio GC Delegate, Peckham BLP)
Saba Manzoor (ex officio GC Delegate, Old Kent Road)
Alfred Mayaki (ex officio GC Delegate, Peckham BLP)
Joshua Nicholson (ex officio GC Delegate, Faraday)
Saidat Oketunde (ex officio GC Delegate, Old Kent Road)
Reginald Popoola (CLP Vice Chair, additional GC Delegate, Nunhead)
Martin Prendergast (additional GC Delegate, St Giles)
Leigh Richman (additional GC Delegate, St Giles)
Sharon Soanes (GC Delegate, Co-op, Community London, LCID)

Apologies: Simon Brears, Paul Fleming, Neil Coyle, Esme Dobson, Althea Smith, Clare Lloyd-Jacob, Michael Dillon, Cassandra Rist, Zaid Moosa, Anna McCraith, Emmanuel Oyewole, Plppa Sparkle, Sasjia Otto, Mark Williams, Andrew Eke, Jasmin Suraya, Jim Mowatt, Chris Brown, Abdul Mohamed, Vicky Naish, Jasmine Ali

Guest: Miatta Fahnbulleh MP

1_Welcome, introductions and apologies

2_Introduction by Miatta Fahbulleh MP followed by a Q&A session

The following topics are discussed:

- 1) About the outcome of GE.
- 2) Two-children benefit cap vote in Parliament
- 3) Set up of her office for casework in Peckham
- 4) Her appointment as Junior Minister

3_No minutes to approve as February meeting inquorate

4_Election of two tellers

Reginald Popoola and John Carr are elected as tellers

5_CLP vacancies (BAME Officer, Campaign Database Officer, Digital Media Officer, LGBT+ Officer, Treasurer, Youth Officer)

BAME Officer: no nomination (Deborah Hobson withdrew her nomination)

Campaign Database Officer: no nominations

Nominations for CLP Digital Media Officer: Peter Jennings (from Old Kent Road | nominated by Rye Lane). Peter is elected.

Nominations for LGBT+ Officer:

Martin Prendergast (from St Giles BLP | nominated by St Giles BLP)

Yunze Wang withdrew his nomination.

Martin is elected

Nominations for Treasurer

Dan Groshev (from Rye Lane | nominated by Nunhead and Rye Lane). Dan is elected

Nominations for CLP Youth Officer

Yunze Wang (from Peckham BLP | nominated by Peckham BLP). Yunze is elected

6_Finance update

- Approval required from GC for North Walworth to have a bank account and £500 start up in line with other Peckham branches: approved by the GC Delegates.
- Approval required from GF for costs for booking halls for meetings and rental of equipment where required (Rye Lane Chapel booking and other booking for halls and rental of equipment): approved by the GC Delegates.
- Confirmation required of agreement to reimburse for General Election costs in line with agreed CLP donation of £8,000 as confirmed by Mark Williams Election agent (Caroline Horgan mentions that the £8,000 fund agreed was agreed prior to the election): confirmed by the GC Delegates.
- Approval required for payment Leaflets for by-election it would cost us £600 pounds: approved
- Update on the CLP bank account by Caroline Horgan. The bank statement is currently £41,599.23 (it doesn't take into account the 8000 we have to pay mentioned above). Ed Ive resigned as CLP Treasurer but CLP Chair Caroline Horgan and CLP Secretary Giovanni Forti were not added as signatories. Unity Bank should have received the paperwork to put Caroline and Giovanni as signatories and hopefully this will be sorted out in two weeks maximum.

7_Annual Conference

Women's Conference 2024

It is agreed that the CLP will send two delegates the Women's Conference. The two delegates elected by the Women's Branch are Mercianne Uwadi (Old Kent Road) and Jocalyn Clark (St Giles). Approval needed for funding the two Delegates. Reginald Popoola asks how much that would cost. Caroline answers that the total cost would be £425 pounds for both to go. The GC Delegates approve.

Annual Conference 2024

Manon Hiatt-Dennis withdrew her nomination. That means that we can send five Delegates only to the Annual Conference as Manon was the only nominee under 27 and one of the six places is for a youth Delegate. It is agreed to send five Delegates to the Annual Conference. It is also approved to fund them. The total cost will be £2,490.

Election of Annual Conference Delegates (two ordinary female Delegates, two ordinary Delegates, one additional female Delegate)

The nominees are:

1. Joseph Bailey (from Faraday | nominated by Nunhead and Rye Lane)
2. Jeremy Fox (from St Giles BLP | nominated by St Giles BLP)
3. Barrie Hargrove (from Old Kent Road | nominated by Peckham BLP)
4. Tracy Julian (from Peckham BLP | nominated by Peckham BLP and the Women's Branch)
5. Dr. Saba Manzoor (from Old Kent road | nominated by the Women's Branch)
6. Zaid Moosa (from North Walworth nominated by the Women's Branch)
7. Emmanuel Oyewole (from Nunhead | nominated by Nunhead)
8. Cassandra Rist (from St Giles BLP | nominated by Peckham BLP, St Giles BLP, Rye Lane,

9. Nunhead and the Women's Branch)
10. Althea Smith (from Old Kent Road | nominated by Nunhead, Peckham BLP and Rye Lane)
11. Mercianne Uwadi (from Old Kent Road | nominated by Nunhead and Rye Lane)

It is agreed that the first vote will elect the two ordinary female Delegates first; then the second vote will elect the additional female Delegate; then the third vote will elect the two remaining ordinary Delegates.

First vote:

The nominees are:

Tracy Julian
Saba Manzoor
Cassie Rist
Althea Smith
Mercianne Uwadi
(Total votes: 23)

Cassie and Tracy are elected

Second Vote:

The remaining nominees are:

Dr. Saba Manzoor
Althea Smith
Mercianne Uwadi
(Total votes: 23)

Saba is elected as the additional female Delegate.

Third Vote:

Caroline reads the names of the remaining nominees (both men and women):

Joseph Bailey
Jeremy Fox
Barrie Hargrove
Zaid Moosa
Emmanuel Oyewole
Althea Smith
Mercianne Uwadi
(Total votes: 23)

Barrie and Zaid are elected

The main Delegate has to be one of the ordinary Delegates. Last year it was a man, therefore this year it has to be a woman: Cassie and Tracy can agree on who between them will be the main Delegate and then let Giovanni Forti know.

8_Nomintations for Party Auditors

Only one nominee, Sunny Lambe (from Peckham BLP | nominated by Nunhead and Peckham BLP). Sunny's nomination is confirmed.

Party Auditors: only one nomination only. Sunny elected

9_Nominations for National Committee Delegates for Division III

Only one nominee, Sunny Lambe (from Peckham BLP | nominated by Nunhead and Peckham BLP). Sunny's nomination is confirmed.

10 Additional nominations

As Caroline explains, the following nominations were mistakenly missed and therefore not put forward to the GC meeting by the branches. The nominations will be therefore taken from the floor.

NEC CLP reps division III (9 potential nominees)

Deborah Hobson nominates the following four:

Jess Barnard
Gemma Bolton
Yasmine Dar
Mish Rahman

Caroline then reads the names of other members that have been already nominated by other CLPs to ask if someone wants to nominate any of them. Leigh Richman nominates Ann Black. All the five nominees are confirmed.

NEC Disabled Members Representative (Disabled Members Branches)

Deborah nominates Ellen Morrison
Saba Manzoor nominates herself
Both are confirmed

NEC Youth Representative (Young Labour Branches)

Deborah nominates India Rees
John Carr nominates Elsie Greenwood
Both are confirmed

Party Treasurer

Leigh nominates Mike Payne. The nomination is confirmed

It is agreed to extend the meeting for an additional 30 minutes

NPF CLP Representatives (Div I) x 5 (London region)

Deborah Nominates the following:
Aydin Dikerdem
Rathi Guhadasan
Dave Levy
Pat Quigley
(Youth rep) India Burgess
They are all confirmed

NCC Division – Division III – CLPs

Deborah nominates the following:
Rachel Garnham
Emine Ibrahim
Dave Levy
Khaled Moyeed
They go through plus Sunny

11 Conference Motions

Motion on Proportional representation

“The UK’s currently uses a First Past the Post voting system for General Elections. As a result, representation in the UK parliament seldom reflects the spread of voter preferences. We propose, therefore, that the Party should re-examine our electoral system with a view to instituting a form of Proportional Representation” (proposed by St Giles Branch)

The meeting has a debate on the motion:

Philip speaks in favour.

Sunny will second the motion too. He speaks in favour of it

Barrie says he doesn't agree Reform should have more votes as the Lib Dems campaigned in the Constituency whereas Reform used money and the media.

Joshua speaks against the motion.

Dan speaks against too

Votes: 15 votes in favour / 7 against / Abstention 1 (passed)

Motion on cap on benefits cap

"It should be a matter of urgency to end the benefits cap which generates excessive child poverty (proposed by St Giles Branch)"

23 votes in favour of (passed)

12_AOB

Caroline reads a message to the GC Delegates from CLP Vice Chair Cassandra Rist:

- I am so sorry I am not able to join the GC this evening and want to say a huge thank you to every single one of you who came out to support the campaign.
- From those who phone banked with broken legs, to those who supplied us with jerk chicken wings, to all those who made the treacherous journey to Chipping Barnett, we couldn't have done it without you.
- I'll be working over the summer to build on the momentum we created and think about how we can keep mobilising our efforts. Door knocking might be over for now but we might want to throw our considerable campaigning weight behind a national issue moving forward.
- There are many who joined us for the first time and it will be up to us to keep them engaged, especially now our hard work has paid off. We'll be back with a bang in September with our thank you party and I'm sure I'll see many of you around Peckham over the summer!