

North Norfolk Green Party

Notes from the meeting held in Sheringham Community Centre, NR26 8NP, 11 July 2024.

Attendees;

Mike Bossingham – MB, Liz Dixon – LD, Stephen Green – SG, Steve Marsh - SM

By Zoom:

Chris Murdoch – CM, James Whitehead - JW.

Special Guest speaker - Catherine Rowett.

Apologies;

Susan Brocklehurst - SB, Edmund Wright - ER, Clare Wilson - CW, Alicia Hull - AH, Kris Marshal Smith - KMS.

Notes	Actions	RP
1 Minutes		
Previous Minutes agreed as accurate.	To be uploaded to Website	RP
2. Action Point outstanding		
None		
3 General Election Results		
<p>LD attended 6 hustings plus a 1 1/2 hour live debate in the studios of BBC Radio Norfolk and live streamed. Hustings went well, especially Gresham School, LD had studied hard! LD got 1,406 votes, roughly 3%, lost deposit and came last but this was with no campaigning.</p> <p>Nationally we got over 1.8 million votes, 7% of votes and 0.6% of seats. Four target seats won, Short money: hit the ceiling for funding MPs offices. 20% in 15 seats, 10% in 97 seats, second in 40 seats including Norwich South. Noted that a huge effort and resources was required to win Waveny Valley.</p> <p>LD prepared to stand at the next election Will begin the process to do so. Not decided about being able to use the leaflets created just before the election.</p> <p>By election in North Walsham East, MB stood, 12% of vote, beat conservatives. not able to do any campaigning.</p>	Start process to elect new candidate.	SG
4. Local Stalls and Leafletting		

<p>Cancel stall in Fakenham in July. Produce new newsletter showcasing election results. Mention next election ,2nd in North Norwich and kept deposit in Broadland.</p> <p>Stall dates: Thursday 15 August North Walsham Saturday 21 September Fakenham changed Sunday 6 October Holt Saturday 9th November Fakenham Saturday 7th December Cromer When the lights are being turned on. 12:30 until 3pm. Stalls 10.30 – 13.30 followed by leafletting.</p>	<p>SG election report LD candidate report SM first past the post report</p>	<p>SG LD SM</p>
<p>5. Finance and Fundraising</p>		
<p>£1536 in bank</p> <p>Book up Sheringham Community Center for 2025, 2nd Thursday of month</p>		<p>MB</p>
<p>6. Norfolk Manifesto/ 2025 Elections</p>		
<p>May 25 County election we need 10 candidates to stand got about five at the moment, KMS can't be candidate in Fakenham as promotion to deputy head, need to find new candidates or change our focus. to Sheringham but need candidate. Poster boards to stay with hosts, MB and SG have more.</p> <p>Norfolk Greens want to develop a 2025 County Council manifesto. The process needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to result in a single manifesto for all of Norfolk, rather than separate manifestoes for each local party • to result in a document that is realistic and useful (but not overly constraining) both as a tool for campaigning and for directing County Councillors' work when in office • to lead to an outcome that is endorsed by the current County Councillors, as well any target candidates who are likely to win their seats • to give each of Norfolk's Green Parties the opportunity to input and influence the manifesto • to give ordinary Green Party members in Norfolk an opportunity to input if they so wish • to be conducted well in advance of the election, both so that the lead up to the election can be spent campaigning, rather than debating policy points, and so that the process wouldn't be compromised by a rushed timescale. 	<p>LD to source waterproof posters. SG to start on list of Candidates & email for volunteers</p> <p>DM to be liaison with Simeon Jackson Norwich Green Party. Email to be set out asking members for policy ideas.</p>	<p>LD SG</p> <p>DM</p>
<p>7. Annual GP Conference</p>		

<p>a. 6 – 8 September Manchester</p> <p>b. Agreed to subsidise one member to attend, send out email</p> <p>c. Attendance by zoom is possible but not free.</p>	<p>LD to attend, CM plans to attend</p> <p>An email will be sent round to the membership</p>	<p>LD</p>
<p>8. Benjamin Court</p>		
<p>Benjamin Court public meeting, Tuesday, July 16, 2024 from 6:00 PM, North Norfolk District Council Offices, book tickets via Eventbright</p>	<p>LD, SG and MB will attend meeting and demo.</p>	
<p>9. AOB</p>		
<p>We have an offer of free Voice Over Artist should we ever need one! LD had details</p>		
<p>10. Talk on Employment – We were joined by Councillor Dr Catherine Rowett, County Councillor for West Depwade Former MEP for the East of England, spokesperson on our employment policies. Dan (Assisting CR) says: I've written a few essays on UBI as part of my degree - this webpage is accessible and talks about UBI on a principled level which I am a fan of! https://www.bostonreview.net/forum/ubi-van-parijs/</p>		
<p>Talk for next meeting - Stephen Mckenna, Convenor of Housing Policy Working Group</p>		
<p>Next Meeting will be held in the same venue Thursday 8 August 2024 @ 19.00.</p>		