

# **MINUTES OF GMB MERTON M27 BRANCH SPECIAL MEETING ON 16<sup>TH</sup> OF NOVEMBER 2023. MEETING HELD REMOTELY BY ZOOM.**

## **1. Present:**

Stuart Fegan – Senior Regional Organiser

Members of Branch Committee:

Kathy Abu-Bakir – Branch President, chair of the meeting

Marzena Zborowska-Huggett – Branch Secretary – minute taker

Kim Marshall – Education Convenor

Carole Chevannes – Branch Race Officer

Gwyn Isaac – Branch Retired Members Officer

Number of members who attended the meeting excluding committee members and Senior Organiser – 15

## **2. Meeting open and introductions.**

The meeting opened at 6:05 pm. Decision made that Stuart Fegan will chair the election.

## **3. Agenda items**

A) Equality Officer Election

B) Nominations for Congress 2024

A) Stuart Fegan explains/reminds the roles for election and introduces 2 candidates:

- Joanne (Jo) Marshall
- Sherine Thompson

Jo Marshall spoken for 3 minutes where she explained her background and what would she like to work on if she gets opportunity to become Equality Officer

Sherine Thompson stated that is an honour to see so many new faces and that she doesn't know anyone. Then, Sherine withdraws her nomination.

Stuart Fegan asked Sherine to confirm that she wants to withdraw her nomination which she responded "yes".

Branch President asked if in that case Jo Marshall automatically gets into position. Which was confirmed.

Congratulations to Jo.

B) Branch President Kathy Abu-Bakir chairs the second item on the agenda.

President explains about the Congress 2024 and asks for nominations.

There were two nominations:

1. Kim Marshall (Equality Strand)
2. Joanne (Jo) Marshall (Equality Strand)

#### **4. Other Business**

Sherine Thompson asked of how Branch is going to work together with equality groups in Council.

Branch President advised that committee will need to have a further discussion in regards of this matter and get back with the response.

Tim Davis asked about update on Minimum Staffing Requirement.

Stuart Fegan said that he received information on this matter very recently and had no chance to look at it properly yet. He said that he will share this information with Branch and Tim.

Meeting closed at 6:30pm