

MINUTES OF GMB MERTON BRANCH MEETING ON 11th OF DECEMBER 2024, MEETING HELD IN GMB OFFICE, CIVIC CENTRE, MORDEN

1. Present: 8 members including: Branch President, Branch Secretary, Education Convenor and Branch Auditor
2. Meeting opens at 12:00, President welcomes and opening remarks, introductions.
3. Agenda Items:
 - I. Apologies:
 - Five apologies received.
 - II. Notification of reports and any other business:
 - No notification of any other business received
 - III. Minutes from previous meeting – read and accepted, matters arising:
 - A) TUC LGBT+ Workers Conference 26th-27th June or 3rd-4th July
No nomination received.
 - IV. Congress 2025 – nominations + motions
 - 1, Abiodun Lawrence Omotoso – nominated by Marzena Zborowska-Huggett, seconded by Kingsley Oyem, elected by all present at the meeting
 2. Marzena Zborowska-Huggett (under rule 8.7) – nominated by Olayinka Adeboye, seconded by Kingsley Oyem – elected by all members present at the meeting,
 - V. Branch Secretary Report:
 1. Branch Secretary updates on Admin Staff Restructure in Council.
 2. Branch Secretary reports that due to council's delay staffside did not receive any update and meeting was moved from 3rd December to 17th December 2024.
 3. Branch Secretary informs about new pilot program in parking services with intention to use private company NSL. Branch Secretary explains steps that has been taken to clarify rationale behind this project – discussions with Executive Director, Chef Executive, FOI request.
 - VI. Branch Account:

Branch Secretary reports that closing balance for Q3 is £5809.84
 - VII. Education Convenor Report:

Education Convenor gives background information about London Weighting Campaign in Merton and current stage of it. Also shared information regarding the rally to be held on 22nd January 2025. Updated branch regarding the health and safety issues in school, lack of reporting of incidences.
 - VIII. Branch Plan.

Branch Secretary presents draft of Branch Plan for 2025
 - IX. Date of next meeting 05.03.2025
 - X. Meeting Closes at 13:00