## EXEC CONFIDENTIAL Aylesbury Liberal Democrat AGM

### Saturday 16th November 2024

#### **DRAFT Minutes**

Meeting convened at 12:33 Chair: Niknam Hussain

23 members attended. The MP was delayed by an hour. The meeting held a vote and agreed to start early. Meeting convened at 12:33.

## 1. Attendance and Apologies

<u>Present</u> – Niknam Hussain(Local Party Chair), Andy Cole(Vice-Chair), Jon Andersen(Secretary), Richard Greenwood (Returning Officer), Richard Lloyd (Cllr), Raj Khan BEM (Cllr), Gurinder Wadhwa (Cllr), Adam Poland-Goodyer(Cllr), Nidhi Mehta (Cllr), Phanindar Koya (Cllr), Steven Mitchell, Srinivas Ravikanthi, Conrad Jarrett, Jeremy Hodge, Geoffrey Howell, Sally Barham, Dave Frearson, Carmel Traynor, Khizer Rehman, Shaffayat Khan, Suleiman Hussain, Ibrahim Khan, Marius Faladi, Chris Hendren,

<u>Apologies</u> – Tom Hunter-Watts (Cllr), Mark Willis (Cllr), Alan Sherwell (Cllr), Tuffail Hussain (Cllr), Susan Morgan (Cllr)

#### 2. To Receive minutes of AGM 2023

Agreed unanimously

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#### 4. Chairs report:

Chair opened by noting the result of the local campaign for the general election. He also congratulated the national party with a very successful national result.

Approvals nearly done and selections will start stoon. Local Party has won a South Central regional award for the biggest membership growth. Recruitment is critical. Please continue your efforts to grow the membership as we progress towards the Local Elections.

### 5. Treasurers report

Main expenditure - £17.500 for the General Election campaign, all handled by the election agent in accordance with the law.

Further information about expenditure and income read out to the meeting. Boundary change funding still a matter ongoing, and a deadline has been issued to Mid Bucks in order to put and end to this matter.

Nominations closed at 12:41

Staffing cost and recruitment matters raised. We've not been able to recruit and is the cause of no NI payments. Also, last staffers pay went through ALDC

## 6. Officers reports

No officers reports received

## 7. Liberal Democrats group reports:

**Aylesbury Town Council** 

Report read out by Richard Lloyd, Leader of Aylesbury Town Council. Points of note:

- Despite being 'service rich' but 'asset poor', the Town Council has taken on leases for several community centres and Bowlers Field, ensuring their maintenance and future use.
- They also took over the Christmas Lights display and switch-on event from Buckinghamshire Council and the feedback has been very positive.
- Labours increase of NI will impact the precept significantly and hit the TC finances.
- For 2025, it is possible to run a positive campaign on our strong record.

Meeting paused at 12:52 to receive the MP, Victoria Collins to speak about her time in parliament and about how her party worked to get her elected.

#### Meeting resumed at 13:36

Buckinghamshire Council Lib Dem Group No report received.

#### 8. Note the accounts for 2023

Accounts received and noted by the meeting.

# 9. Appointment of Independent Examiner for the 2024 Local Party Accounts.

The previous independent examiner has agreed to do them for 2024. Members agree to use Alex Forman Peck for the 2024 accounts.

## 10. Confirmation of the adoption of the new 2024 constitution.

Agreed unanimously

#### 11. Election of officers and executive committee.

The following nominations has been received:

Chair; Niknam Hussain

Vice-Chair: Andy Cole Treasurer; Jeremy Hodge Secretary; Jon Andersen

Elections Officer; Waheed Raja

Membership Development Officer; Carmel Traynor

Diversity Officer; Marius Faladi Data Officer; Gurinder Wadhwa

6 ordinary members; Shannon Morgan Sarah James Tuffail Hussain Helen Sunday Nidhi Mehta

Returning Officer confirmed the nominations and the meeting agreed to their appointment. Chair thanked them for their contribution to the democratic process.

Congratulations to the new executive members.

**12.** Re-election of Baroness Bowles as Honorary President Approved by the party.