

DISABILITY LABOUR AGM
Online via Zoom
Sunday 4th July 2021
Commencing at 3pm



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DISABILITY LABOUR AGM 2021 AGENDA

1. Welcome and introductions.
2. Minutes of Previous AGM
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4. Treasurer’s Report – see separate document
5. Appointment of Auditor – Kelly Byres, KBL Accounts
6. Subscription Rates
7. Report of Constitutional Consultation
8. Motions and Emergency Motions

Executive Committee Attendance Record

Name	Possible Attendance*	Actual Attendance	Apologies Sent/ Authorised Absences
Saghir Allam	12	12	-
Kathy Bole	12	12	-
Jonathan Farr	12	12	-
Lorraine Harding	12	2	8
John Hunt	12	11	1
Cari Jones	12	12	-
Anne Musker	12	10	2
Mo Perbody	12	5	2
Nico Pollen	12	5	5
Anne Pridmore	12	10	2
Martyn Shrewsbury (Resigned May 2020)	3	2	1
Fran Springfield	12	7	5
Dave Townsend (Resigned October 2020)	6	3	3
Barb Roberts	12	7	3
Andrew Weston (Co-optee)	12	12	-
Jack Wilfan (Resigned Feb 2021)	10	6	4

Notes: * Data for one meeting not available.

2. Minutes of Previous AGM

Meeting of the AGM of Disability Labour held on 8th March 2020

There were 35 members present at the meeting

Fran Springfield (co-chair) opened the meeting and welcomed members to Disability Labour's first ever online AGM. Thanks were given to the palantypist, officers and AGM organisers. Fran gave her co-chairs report.

It was explained that spotters would be used to ensure that those wishing to speak were recognised.

A point of order was raised and responded to.

Kathy Bole (co-chair) then gave her report commencing with a minutes silence in memory of those we had lost since the previous AGM.

The minutes of the previous AGM were agreed.

The annual report was agreed.

The treasurers report was agreed.

Wayne (former co-chair) gave a report and thanked officers for their support.

Dave Townsend reported back on the executive election results which were held online and saw 151 votes cast compared to 50 at the previous AGM. He thanked Jamie Green and Jennifer Milnes for acting as scrutineers and overseeing the process.

The results were then read out.

Outgoing committee members were thanked for all their hard work.

An emergency motion on membership fees was debated. It was passed unopposed.

Discussion took place on the Labour leadership election.

The results of the online vote on the Social Care motion were given. This was passed with 142 in favour, 3 against and 4 abstentions.

The AGM was then closed.

3. Chair's Report for the Disability Labour AGM 2021

Kathy Bole

I want firstly to say thank you to the previous Executive Committee, I am grateful to all of you, for your work even through this difficult 18+ months. My special thanks goes to Jonathan Farr who has patiently evolved our Fiscal systems, our technical situation and has been a real support to me.

I want to say to the membership, Disability Labour continues to reach out to other disability organisations in order to raise the profile of disabled people and the issues we face. I also want to remember those we lost during the past year.

During the past year, we have been continuing our work with the Labour Party to ensure disabled people's voices continue to be heard. We have been reporting the ableist processes which continue within the party. We have been working at every level to make sure that your voices are heard.

Now that the proverbial cat has been let out of the bag on the ability of employers to allow home working, we are intent on trying to keep that same cat from returning to that bag. We were at the forefront of using Zoom to conduct our meetings and were praised for how we used it by the Labour Leader in a speech back when he first ran for leader.

Unfortunately, we have yet to meet with the Labour Leader since then. However, we are still raising our voice with the other equality strands within the party to ensure we have parity in treatment. We have held several meetings with David Evans, Labour Party General

Secretary. We have told him the Labour Party is rife with ableism. Some CLP's are ignoring their anticipatory duty under the Equality Act.

In more positive news, as stated in our Treasurer's report, we have more and more CLP's affiliating to Disability Labour. We have developed a good working relationship with our NEC (National Executive Committee) disability rep, Ellen Morrison. We have made the initial steps to agree to work with the Co-operative Party's disability branch.

Disability Labour is being asked by outside affiliates to the Labour Party to speak at a range of Podcasts to bring awareness to the plight of disabled people during the pandemic and through Brexit.

We are hoping as we go forward, to establish new funding streams to support our organisation going forward. We hope to launch an Online shop after the AGM. I am hoping we can continue to broaden our support to CLPs and see some training opportunities. We also would like to see Disability Labour pushing for an improvement in the ways disabled people can participate within the party and in turn wider society.

Watch this space, Thank you.

Kathy, co-chair Disability Labour

4. Treasurer's Report

see separate document.

5. Appointment of Auditor

The executive committee recommends the appointment of Kelly Byres from KBL Accounts to be the auditor.

6. Subscription Rates

Following on from an emergency motion in the 2020 disability Labour AGM a committee was formed, to look into introducing a membership fee to help stabilise Disability Labour's finances.

Fortunately, since then Disability Labour's financial situation has stabilised, allowing us to take a slightly more cautious approach, which coupled with the wider constitutional reform of disability Labour, and an acknowledgement that in the current extremely unstable state of the wider world may have been challenging to fully introduce any changes to members at short notice, means we didn't think it was appropriate to put forward a set of recommendations at this AGM.

Instead to maintain accountability to the membership key questions relating to the finance report have been integrated into the new constitutional consultation which can now be acted on by the new executive.

7. Report of Constitutional Consultation

See separate report

8. Motions

Motion A - Access to Train Stations

"Disability Labour support step free access, at all railway stations, and that level boarding from platform to train must be implemented by legislation on all passenger trains."

Any emergency motions.