

Labour International Executive Committee (LIEC)

Date: 6th June 2026 **Time:** 10.00 CEST **Location:** Virtual Meeting (Zoom)

1. Welcome and Introductions

Attendees: Boyd Stephen (Vice-Chair), Graham Ward (Secretary), Imogen Tyreman (Chair), Frankie Ashton (Policy/ Campaigns), Frank Little (Representative NL branch), Balen Najmalddin (Communications), Becky Slack (Women's officer)

Apologies

Karen Henderson (Membership), Anthony Fuller (Americas branch), Tim Putnam (NW France branch), Valerie Swales (NW France branch), Lakshmi Jonker (BAME), Nicky Turk (EMEA), Tracey Scott (Disability and Carers Officer),

2. Action Item updates

(Closed action items will be archived after these minutes are approved.)

	Action	Who	Status
1.1	Arrange additional signatories on bank account.	Chair	6 Jun: Imogen has resubmitted Frankie's application and is waiting on details from Tom. The bank will contact them directly
4.1	Treasurer to finalise accounts for HQ.	Treasurer	
4.3	Apply for bank cards from Unity Bank	Chair, Treasurer	6 Jun: Imogen has the forms for a corporate card for herself. She will only apply for her own card; others can apply once they are on the bank account.
4.4	Fundraising: investigate to organise raffle	Treasurer, P&C	

4.6	Manage NEC candidate nominations process (post AGM)	Secretary	6 Jun: Election planned for June
4.7	Prepare paper for EU-UK MPs on overseas voter issues	Chair	6 Jun: Paper to be addressed in time for delivery in September.
4.8	Check political party donation limit in UK.	Secretary	
6.1	Imogen will have a meeting with a group of MPs on Monday (8th June). She will raise the Winter Fuel Payment issue and ask for support on amendments.	Chair	6 June: New
6.2	The EC will review the voting system and consider whether to use a more anonymous/secure platform. A proposal may be brought to the EC or GC for a decision on a consistent system.	Secretary	6 June: New
6.3	Treasurer to pay outstanding debts: - MailChimp monthly payment (June) - Reimburse previous Chair for personal payments made for LI	Treasurer	26 Jun New

3. Votes and Motions

Item		For	Abstain	Against	Decision
4	June minutes approved.				Approved
9	Agree to propose standing order changes to GC				Approved

4. Minutes of previous EC & Matters Arising

- Minutes were approved.
- Imogen suggested setting up a post-election coffee chat on 20th or 21st June (after the Wakefield by-election result on 19th) to allow members to discuss the outcome.
- Imogen noted that phone banking is now possible with a non-UK number using a headset (a practical point for outreach).

5. Correspondence

- **Responses to motions:** No replies received from government on recent motions; likely due to local elections. EC agreed to follow up after the elections.
- **Winter Fuel Payment:** Mark Lee's branch has been in contact with the IMA and the EU about the legality of the government's action. This remains a live legal issue. One member raised the non-response of government on the LIGC resolution on the withdrawal of winter fuel payments to EU residents. Imogen agreed to raise this with a group of MPs with whom she was meeting on 8th June.
- Representation of the People Bill amendments:
 - Labour MPs are still not signing the amendment on overseas voters (initially defeated, now re-tabled). L.I. was contacted by Unlock Democracy and Liberal Democrat counterparts.
 - Action: Reach out to MPs on the APPG for Citizens' Rights and any MPs who have spoken on the issue, urging them to sign the amendment.
 - The EC will also inform the GC and ask members to contact any MPs they know.
- Motion to Reassure (Southern France): Tim and Valerie are seeking feedback after it was referred back; they will resubmit in a different format.

6. Branch motions: Costa Blanca merger

- A proposal to merge Costa Blanca branch with Southern Europe (or another branch) was discussed.
- The proposal was agreed by the EC, subject to any comments from the branches involved.
- It will be put to the next GC for formal approval.

7. Finance

- Bank balance: Approximately £33,000 in the account (some member payments recently received).
- Payments due: Some expenses need to be paid (Imogen will pay and seek reimbursement).
- Membership payments: Issues with people joining from abroad (bank accounts, etc.) – this will be raised again with HQ to ensure the process is as easy as possible.

8. NEC and Conference votes

Conference:

- The ballot for conference delegates has been completed; results will be sent out.
- Delegate numbers are based on previous years (no email from HQ yet).
- Logistics: Check if delegates want shared accommodation (helps younger/less well-off delegates). Send delegate list to conference services.
- Conference motions: A separate all-members meeting (AMM) should be convened in July to discuss and agree motions for conference.
- Rule changes: The deadline for rule-change motions is usually June, but nothing has been announced yet. The EC will monitor.

NEC Votes:

- The NEC ballot will open on Monday (8th June). Candidate statements are on the website.
- Members should be reminded via channels to check their emails for the ballot link.

Voting system review:

- The recent ballot had a low turnout (34 votes out of over 100 people opening the email). The need to enter name and membership number may have put people off (previous systems were more anonymous with a unique number).
- Action: The EC will review the voting system and consider whether to use a more anonymous/secure platform. A proposal may be brought to the EC or GC for a decision on a consistent system.

8. International Engagement – Safe Routes Campaign

- **Balen's report:**
 - The party and government is not engaging with L.I.'s Safe Routes campaign despite L.I.'s efforts.
 - An event was held by the UK embassy that appeared populist and not data-driven.
- **Discussion:**
 - Imogen suggested reaching out via the Foreign Office or other Labour channels to report back what L.I. has observed.
 - Possible speakers from an online magazine were mentioned – looking for people to speak about the Safe Routes campaign.

9. Proposed Standing Order Changes

- The changes were noted and will be proposed to the June GC.

10. Campaign Topics – Actions on Overseas Constituencies

- Overseas constituencies working group needs to be relaunched.
 - Need to finalise the working group's scope and approach.
 - Determine who will lead the work.
 - Focus on what can be achieved before the next GC.
 - Imogen will arrange a relaunch meeting for July.