

# Yorkshire Party 2019 Autumn Conference

## Annual General Meeting Agenda

18:00, Friday 11 October 2019

The Plex, Margaret Street, Wakefield

Please arrive for 17:55. The AGM will start at 18:00.

|   | Time    | Item   | Owner | Notes   |
|---|---------|--|-------|---|
| 1 | 5 mins  | <b>Welcome and Apologies</b> <i>(to note)</i><br>Introduction to the Yorkshire Party 2019 Annual General Meeting.  | CW    | Yorkshire Party Leader, Chris Whitwood, welcomed members and thanked those attending.   |
| 2 | 5 mins  | <b>Minutes of Previous Meeting</b> <i>(to approve)</i><br>See minutes of meeting on 12th October 2018.   | AC    | Minutes adopted unanimously. Proposed by Andy Walker and seconded by John Hall.   |
| 3 | 15 mins | <b>Chairman's Report</b> <i>(to note)</i><br>Overview on the state of the Yorkshire Party.   | AC    | Yorkshire Party Chairman, Arnie Craven, reflected on the progress of the Yorkshire Party, emphasising the importance of making difficult decisions and speaking with a united voice, both in terms of Yorkshire and as a party.                             |
| 4 | 10 mins | <b>Financial Report</b> <i>(to note)</i><br>An update on Yorkshire Party finances for the year 2018/19.  | JH    | Yorkshire Party Treasurer, John Hall, delivered a financial report indicating a net annual profit of £1,854.<br>- The introduction of free membership was deemed a success, however it was noted that this option now needs to be removed from the website. |
| 5 | 15 mins | <b>Internal Elections</b> <i>(to accept)</i><br>Update on the results of the internal elections.   | AC    | John Boocock, Jack Carrington, Laurence Waterhouse, Stevie Manion and Darren Longhorn elected for two years.<br>Leon French, Andy Shead and Ryan Kett elected for one year.<br>Thanks to Martin Roberts for organising the internal elections.              |
| 6 | 10 mins | <b>Constitutional Update</b> <i>(to agree)</i><br>Following acceptance of amendments at the previous AGM, the Executive Committee tasked Deputy Chair, Matt Clover, with reviewing the | AC    | Proposal:<br>The reviewed constitution be circulated to members for adoption.<br><br>Accepted unanimously.  |

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|           |         | constitution to ensure consistency.   |    |  |
| <b>7</b>  | 5 mins  | <b>Code of Conduct</b> <i>(to note)</i><br>Update on the Code of Conduct requested following the previous AGM.                            | LW | Thanks to Laura Walker and Martin Roberts for preparing the Code of Conduct.<br>To be reviewed in line with disciplinary procedures. |
| <b>8</b>  | 10 mins | <b>Elections Update</b> <i>(to note)</i><br>Update on the results of elections in the last year.  | AC | (Covered by Chairman's update)   |
| <b>9</b>  | 15 mins | <b>Councillors Update</b> <i>(to note)</i><br>An opportunity for Yorkshire Party councillors to share a brief update on their activities. | AC | Vote of thanks to all who stood as candidates and for the expertise offered by councillors.  |
| <b>10</b> | 25 mins | <b>Members Forum</b> <i>(to discuss)</i><br>An opportunity for members to ask questions, share ideas and shape the party's future.        | AC | Membership form available for download from the website to be considered by the Executive Committee.                                 |
| <b>11</b> | 5 min   | <b>Close</b> <i>(to discuss)</i><br>Deputy Leader, Laura Walker, closes the AGM and opens the conference.                                 | LW |  |

# Appendix: Yorkshire Party 2018 Autumn Conference

## Annual General Meeting Minutes

16.30 Friday 12 October 2018

The Waltham Room, Jubilee Central, 62 King Edward Street, Hull

Please arrive for 16:25. The AGM will start at 16:30.

|   | Time    | Item   | Owner | Notes   |
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| 1 | 5 mins  | <b>Welcome and Apologies</b> ( <i>to note</i> )<br>Introduction to the Yorkshire Party 2018 Annual General Meeting.                  | CW    | Apologies from Stewart Arnold, who was attending the One Yorkshire Devolution meeting in York.  |
| 2 | 15 mins | <b>Chairman's Report</b> ( <i>to note</i> )<br>Overview of Yorkshire Party activities over the last year.                            | AC    | Thanked the delegate attending the AGM. Updated conference on the growth of the party, explaining his reasons for joining the party and ambitions for the future, calling for the voice of the Yorkshire Party to be heard.   |
| 3 | 15 mins | <b>Financial Report</b> ( <i>to note</i> )<br>An update on Yorkshire Party finances for the year 2017/18.                            | CG    | Unfortunately, Chris Gauton was unable to attend so an overview of the party finances and a more detailed financial report will be circulated to members.   |
| 4 | 10 mins | <b>Branch Development Report</b> ( <i>to note</i> )<br>Overview of branch development and activities over the past year.             | MR    | Martin reported the growth from three, last year, seven in branches across the region and thanked those involved. However, he recognised inconsistency in meeting times and the activities the branches participate in. Discussion was opened up to the floor where ideas for branch activities, such as street stalls, local campaigns and leafleting sessions, were suggested in addition to the current core of writing letters to the press in support of Yorkshire Party aims. Cllr Mike Jordan suggested that the Executive Committee could send out a list of desired policy areas and activities that could be sent out to branches to allow members to inform the future direction of the party. |
|   | 15 mins | <b>Break</b>   | ---   |   |
| 5 | 45 mins | <b>Constitutional Reform</b> ( <i>to agree</i> )<br>Discuss and vote on proposed amendments to the Yorkshire Party constitution.     | AC    | Following the suggestions and adoption of amendments by the AGM, the AGM voted unanimously to task Chris Whitwood and Martin Roberts to put the final version of the constitution to the membership (proposed by Arnie Craven, seconded by Matt Clover). Laura Walker and Martin Roberts tasked with creating a code of conduct.  |
|   | 15 mins | <b>Break</b>   | ---   |   |
| 6 | 15 mins | <b>Keynote Speaker</b> ( <i>to note</i> )  | LW    | Yorkshire Party Executive Committee Member, Laura Walker, delivered a speech on leading community campaigns.  |
| 7 | 30 mins | <b>Members Forum</b> ( <i>to discuss</i> )<br>An opportunity for members to ask questions, share ideas and shape the party's future. | AC    |   |
| 8 | 15 min  | <b>Close</b> ( <i>to discuss</i> )<br>Deputy Leader, Chris Whitwood, closes the AGM and opens the conference.                        | CW    | Chris thanked those who attended and celebrated the growth of the party, referencing his first involvement in the party and the changes since then, including county, district and parish councillors. He called on members to continue to speak and act for a better Yorkshire within a fairer United Kingdom and officially opened the conference for Saturday.   |