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Broadland Constituency Labour Party
Agenda for the 8th September 2018 General Meeting

Acle Recreation Centre, Bridewell Lane, Acle, NR13 3RA
Starting at **10:30 am** and finishing at **12:30 pm**

AGENDA

1. Welcome & Apologies for absence

2. Minutes of the General Meeting held on **14 July 2018** — available here.

3. Outstanding Action Points and matters arising not covered elsewhere (see action point register below)

4. Chair's Report of the EC Meeting on 21st August 2018

5. Vacant Posts

   a. Campaign Co-ordinator

   Self nomination received from Tom Rednall

   b. Trade Union Liaison Officer

6. Campaign Report

7. Treasurers report

8. Secretary's report

9. Motions submitted for debate (and to be put forward for Conference) - attached

10. Mandate Conference delegate

    "*This meeting of Broadland CLP agrees that our delegate to the Labour Party conference should vote to oppose calls which commit the Labour Party to support a People's vote, instead we should support the leadership in pursuing the course of action which they deem most appropriate*. Proposed by the Executive Committee.

11. Election of regional conference delegates

    Nominations received from: David Heywood, Toby Jarman, Charlotte Savage and Imogen Bruce.

12. Nomination of members of regional board

    Request received from David Heywood and Jasper Haywood.

13. Any other Business — notified to the Chair in advance

14.   Raffle draw

15.   100 Club Draw

Date of next meeting — The next General (All Members) Meeting will be **on Saturday 10th November from 10.30-12.30 at Taverham, a venue is yet to be booked**

Action Point Register

Action Point	What	Who	Progress
180310-03	New Website — ideas and material to put on the new site and volunteers to help administer the new site to get in touch with Secretary.	All Members	28/4 — Secretary has set up a prototype WordPress website — http://wp2.bclp.uk/. No comment of feedback received so far. Our current website will close in June. 12/5 — No response so far. Its becoming critical as our current website will shut down next month when the Labour Party ceases its contract with Nationbuilder and offers new WordPress LP sites. 6/7 — A member has offered to set up a website for Fakenham. No other response. — ONGOING
180512-01	Improve Engagement with member — Alan Pawsey to send in useful suggestions.	Alan	6/7/18 - I have had no formal response form Alan.

Contemporary motion to be submitted to Labour Party Conference (for approval).

Step up campaign against academisation

Conference notes

1. The report in the *Times Educational Supplement* on 10 August that Academy heads in Kent are refusing to accept looked-after children into their schools.
2. That this is symptomatic of the regressive nature of the unaccountable, inefficient academisation programme that is continuing apace across England.
3. That the majority of secondary schools are now academies or are part of a Multi Academy Trust (MAT) but two thirds of primary schools still remain under Local Authority control.
4. That academisation is incompatible with an egalitarian and democratic education system serving the many, not the few.

Conference welcomes Labour's commitment to ensure that all schools will be taken back under local democratic control under a Labour Government; and applauds those Labour controlled authorities who have resisted academisation; but believes that the Labour Party should adopt a more robust policy of opposition to the continuing academisation of schools, especially our Primary schools.

Conference notes that there are many local campaigns of opposition to the academisation programme involving parents, teachers and local community activists and believes Labour should offer support and encouragement to these activists in resisting academisation in line with our commitment to community organising.

Conference agrees that in government, the Labour Party will bring all schools back under local democratic control, abolishing Academy Trusts including all Multi Academy Trusts, and that therefore proposals to wind up MATs and turn over control and management of their schools to local democratically controlled structures should be developed urgently.

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Other Motion (to determine Broadland CLP policy on Brexit)

Broadland CLP supports the earliest possible election of a Labour government led by Jeremy Corbyn. The current government is putting Tory Party dogma first, not jobs first – and they have no mandate for their agenda.

We note and support Labour's six tests for Brexit, which aims to ensure that the post-Brexit settlement preserves the benefits we currently get from collaboration with Europe, defends our rights and protections, and delivers for all parts of the UK. It is increasingly clear that the Tories' Brexit deal will fail these tests.

We believe that only Labour can lead the British people into a progressive and economically sound relationship with Europe. The Brexit deal being pursued by Theresa May is a threat to jobs, freedom of movement, peace in Northern Ireland, and the future of the NHS and public services. Tory Brexit will wreck the British economy, will commit us to a series of long-term trade deals which will enforce American-style deregulation, and will undermine the rights, freedoms and protections currently enshrined in EU law. All of this will bind the hands of a future Labour government, and will make it far harder for us to deliver on our promises.

We therefore urge Labour to oppose the Tories' destructive Brexit and unite the country behind a radical vision for the future. In government, Labour could rally left-wing parties across the continent, and create a Europe for the many, not the few.

The social problems that caused the Brexit vote – inequality, declining public services, falling pay, a lack of quality affordable housing, and so on – will be made worse, not better, by Tory Brexit and the continued austerity that would result. The problem is the policies of the political establishment, not immigrants, and the solution is a radical social and economic programme.

We must make the election of a radical Labour government our first priority.

We note that given the Fixed Term Parliament Act, the most likely route to a general election before 2022 is the collapse of the government's Brexit agenda. This motion supports all available avenues to bring down the government: voting down the EU exit deal in Parliament, calling for a snap election, and a popular vote on the deal.

We note and support the 2016 Conference commitment to an option of retaining EU membership and that the final settlement should be subject to approval, through Parliament and potentially through a general election or referendum."

We call on the Labour Party to:

1. Oppose any Brexit deal that does not satisfy Labour's 6 tests.

2. Call for an immediate general election, and make a manifesto commitment to call a public vote on the Brexit deal with an option to remain in the EU if the public rejects it.

3. If we cannot get a general election, to campaign for a public vote on the deal with an option to remain in the EU; and following a defeat for the government, to call for an immediate general election.

4. To place radical social and economic policies at the heart of our programme of government – taxing the rich and big business to pay for better public services, rapidly

expanding common ownership, abolishing anti-union laws and engaging in massive public investment.

Delegates from this CLP to Labour Party conference should vote in line with this policy.

To be moved by Stephen McNair