

Rules, Constitution & Standing Orders for Monmouth Constituency Labour Party.

This document provides a local interpretation of the Labour Party Rule book (available via the Secretary or www.labour.org.uk) in force at any given time which shall be the overarching document in relation to all disputes.

Clause I - Name

The Monmouth Constituency Labour Party (CLP).

Clause II - Aims and values

- a. To unite the forces of Labour within the constituency and to ensure the establishment of, and to keep in active operation, an appropriate organisational structure.
- b. To secure the return of Labour representatives to the European Parliament, UK Parliament & Welsh Government etc.
- c. To promote the policies of the party within the constituency, including formulating a development action plan.
- d. To provide the opportunity for all individual members of the party within the constituency to contribute to the development of aims and policies.
- e. To work in pursuit of our aims with the local LCF, trade unions, co-operative societies and other affiliated organisation.

Clause III - Affiliated organisations

The following may affiliate to the party at constituency level:

- a. Branches of Trade Unions affiliated to the Trades Union Congress.
- b. Branches of the Cooperative Party and other co-operative organisations
- c. Branches of socialist societies affiliated to the party nationally
- d. Each affiliate must have members who are electors in the constituency.
- e. Each affiliate shall pay an affiliation fee as per rule.

Clause IV - Individual membership

The conditions of membership of the party within this constituency shall be as per the rules of the party.

Clause V – Structure & Management

- a. The day to day management of this CLP shall be in the hands of the elected officers who shall report to the Executive Committee (EC) & the General Committee (GC) as elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in May each year.
- b. The CLP may not rent or own property without the approval of the NEC.
- c. The CLP may not employ staff without the approval of the NEC.

Clause VI – Branches

The CLP shall maintain a Branch Structure as follows:

- i) Bryn-y-Cwm Branch (Wards: CANTREF, CASTLE, CROESONEN, CRUCORNEY,

GROFIELD, GOYTRE FAWR, LANSDOWN, LLANELLY HILL, LLANFOIST FAWR, LLANOVER, LLANWENARTH ULTRA, MARDY, PRIORY).

ii) Monmouth Branch (Wards: DIXTON WITH OSBASTON, DRYBRIDGE , LLANTILLIO CROSSENNY, MITCHEL TROY, OVERMONNOW, TRELLECH UNITED, WYESHAM).

iii) Usk Branch (Wards: LLANBADOC, LLANGYBI FAWR, RAGLAN, USK).

iv) Lower Wye Branch (Wards: CARWENT, DEVAUDEN, LARKFIELD, PORTSKEWETT, SHIRENEWTON, ST ARVANS, ST CHRISTOPHERS, ST KINGSMARK, ST MARYS, THORNWELL).

(It is agreed that Portskewett ward will conduct most of its day to day business with Severnside LCF which is part of the Newport East Constituency).

v) Arfon Llwd Branch (Wards: CROESCEILIOG NORTH, CROESCEILIOG SOUTH, LLANYRAFON EAST & PONTNHIR, LLANYRAFON WEST).

Wards & branches shall function in accordance with the Labour Party Rule book.

All Ward & Branch funds are held on behalf of the CLP.

Clause VII – Officers & the Executive Committee (EC)

a. The officers, the Executive Committee, and two auditors shall be elected at the annual general meeting. Cheque signatories will also be confirmed.

b. The Officers shall be; Chair, Vice-Chair, Vice-Chair/Membership, Secretary, Treasurer, & Women's officer. At least three of these officers should be women.

c. In addition this CLP shall elect the following coordinators to lead on specific areas of responsibility Trade Union Liaison, Diversity, Fundraising, Information Management, 100 Club, Community Involvement,

d. The Executive Committee (EC) shall comprise of the officers (6), the Coordinators (6), and one member each from the approved Branches (5).

e. Whenever an MEP, MP, or AM is elected they may attend EC meetings as may candidates & agents for the these roles.

f. The Executive Committee shall meet as required. The EC shall deal with as much of the routine business as possible to ensure that the General Meeting can devote its time to the discussion of policy etc.

Clause VIII - The General Meeting (GC)

1. Any bone fide member of the Labour Party residing within the Monmouthshire CLP area may attend and vote at GC meetings. Registered Supporters may attend but not vote at up to three meetings before full membership is required.

2. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the CLP shall be held in May of each year.

3. Special General Meetings may be called at the discretion of the Executive Committee or at the written or electronic request of 30 members.

4. Ordinary General Meetings shall be held on the 3rd Thursday of the month at

19:00.

5. Following the AGM the Officers shall arrange for all members and affiliates to be informed, in writing or electronically, of the dates, times, and venues, of all GC, & LCF meetings for the following year including details of the next AGM. The notification will include contact details for the Secretary and all Branch Secretaries and information on who may attend meetings. This shall be done in conjunction with the Monmouthshire LCF and shall satisfy the requirements for appropriate notification of GC & LCF meetings.

6. Following each annual meeting of this CLP the Secretary shall forward to the General Secretary a copy of this CLP's constituency annual report, including the annual statement of accounts and such other information as may be requested by the NEC.

7. The financial year of the CLP shall end on December 31st each year. The AGM shall approve and record the signatories to all accounts.

Clause IX - The party conference

Conference delegates may be appointed as per rule.

Clause X - Duties of the General Meeting

The General Meeting shall be responsible for establishing objectives for the CLP through political debate and policy discussion, setting targets for development of CLP organisation and campaigning in the area, working collaboratively with the Monmouthshire LCF, and promoting links with the wider community.

Clause XI –Disciplinary

It shall be the duty of the General Meeting of this CLP to take all necessary steps to enforce the constitution, standing orders and rules of the party. This CLP shall take such action as it deems necessary for such purposes in accordance with the provisions laid out in the disciplinary rules.

Clause XII - Parliamentary candidates etc

The party's Parliamentary or Welsh Government candidate for this constituency shall be selected in accordance with the rules.

Clause XIII - Amendment to rules

These rules may be amended, altered or added too by resolution carried at an Annual General Meeting by a vote of two thirds of those present and voting, subject to the approval of the NEC.

Agreed – 19th September 2013 & amended 22nd June 2017.

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