

CONSTITUTION OF MONMOUTHSHIRE LOCAL CAMPAIGN FORUM (LCF)

This Constitution and Standing Orders were updated at the May 2015 AGM.

1. OBJECTIVES.

- 1.1 Coordinate campaigning activities within the County boundaries.
- 1.2 Work with all CLP's that contain wards electing members to Monmouthshire County Council.
- 1.3 Formulate an electoral programme for county elections.
- 1.4 Maintain a panel of candidates for all MCC elections.
- 1.5 Work co-operatively with the Labour Group and to monitor how they are advancing the manifesto.

2. REPRESENTATION.

- 2.1 Party Members & Registered Supporters resident in Monmouthshire, and members of the Labour Group.
- 2.2 Registered Supporters may attend three meetings in any 12 months after which membership is required.
- 2.3 All members and supporters shall have equal voting rights.
- 2.4 Labour MP's, AM's, and Secretaries of linked CLP's may attend but not vote.

3. MEETINGS.

- 3.1 Meetings shall be arranged once every two months, with an EC held in the other months.
- 3.2 All members will be notified of meeting dates at least once a year.
- 3.3 The AGM shall be held in May after any election, and shall elect the officers (Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, & Treasurer), plus 2 group observers & 2 auditors.
- 3.4 Other meetings may be called as and when deemed necessary by the officers.
- 3.5 A programme of policy debates and invited speakers will be developed.
- 3.6 A written Group report and campaigning matters will be standing items on the agenda.

4. OFFICERS.

- 4.1 The elected officers are responsible for the discharge of all LCF functions between meetings in consultation with the two CLP's and the Labour Group as appropriate.

5. CANDIDATES & SPOKESPERSONS.

- 5.1 All new candidates shall fill in an application form and be interviewed by the selection Panel.
- 5.2 The Panel will be compiled under the direction of the EC well in advance of each election.
- 5.3 Existing Councillors shall fill in a separate form and will be called for interview.
- 5.4 Candidates shall be placed on the Panel of Candidates from which wards may select.
- 5.5 There is no automatic selection of a sitting councillor.
- 5.6 Wards or branches may appoint a spokesperson to cover an electoral area prior to candidate selection.
- 5.7 Spokespersons must be full party members.

6. FINANCE.

6. The Campaign Forum shall be funded on an agreed basis, by the Group, CLP's, and through fundraising.
- 6.2 Audited accounts shall be presented at the AGM.

7. MANIFESTO.

- . A manifesto agreed between the LCF and the Labour Group will be produced for each election.