

Membership Report: Peter Bradbury reported that the CLP has three new members, all of whom had received a welcome pack, and reported on the number of lapses across the constituency.

Consultation on Electoral Reform: The party had issued a first-stage consultation document on Assembly electoral reform, with a second stage due in Autumn 2018. There were eight questions and it was agreed to submit a response to include the following points:

- It was agreed that the number of AMs should be increased
- It was agreed that the electoral system is flawed and should be changed to become more proportional, with different alternatives investigated ahead of the second consultation phase
- It was agreed that electoral change should be a 2021 manifesto commitment and that the resulting Assembly election would give a mandate for that change
- It was agreed that a constituency link is important and should be retained, but that the geographical scale of that link would depend on the chosen system
- It was agreed that there was no direct link between the number of MPs and the number of AMs in Wales and attempts at gerrymandering should be challenged
- It was agreed that we should be experimental in trying different mechanisms to increase voter participation, including changing who can vote, when they vote and how they vote
- It was agreed that the franchise should be extended to 16 and 17 year olds for Assembly elections
- It was agreed to reiterate that any recommendations should be presented to 2019 Welsh Labour Conference to be voted on by delegates

Kevin Brennan MP: Kevin discussed the ongoing chaos around the UK Government's EU Withdrawal Bill (which had been amended by the House of Lords but no date had yet been sent for its reintroduction into the House of Commons); the prospect of US tariffs on steel and the harmful impact on Wales and the EU more broadly of a potential trade war; the likelihood that the Swansea Tidal Lagoon project will not proceed; and his work on behalf of a female constituent around access to a male-only golf club and potential ideas around requiring the creative industries to pass equality tests before being able to receive tax credits to work in the UK. He highlighted the forthcoming event with former PM Gordon Brown, which was taking place on Sunday 3rd June.

Mark Drakeford AM: Mark picked up on several points made by Kevin, including the role of the Welsh Government in challenging the UK Government's EU Withdrawal Bill and the negotiated position reached and the role of the Welsh Government in supporting Tata Steel in Port Talbot. He highlighted the Welsh Government's Economic Action Plan and the awarding of the rail franchise. He further welcomed David Hooson to the CLP, who had recently begun working in Mark's office, and that members in Ynys Môn had highlighted that many of those members in their constituency whose membership had lapsed had cited the financial burden of party membership as the key factor.

Kevin and Mark took questions primarily around Brexit, with Kevin reiterating the centrality of the British border in Ireland and the impact of the recent Irish abortion referendum result on Northern Ireland, where gay marriage and abortion are illegal.

Cllr Susan Elsmore: Susan highlighted key developments in her portfolio, including partnership boards on health and social care; domestic violence strategies; progress in making Cardiff a dementia friendly city; the work of Cardiff's Meals on Wheels service, which operates year-round and seven days a week; and the shortlisting of Cardiff for the site of the new headquarters of Channel Four.

UK Conference Motion: Cardiff North West branch had submitted a motion on devolution of policy and criminal justice. It was agreed to submit this motion, following an amendment closer to conference to comply with the rules around contemporary resolutions.

OMOV Campaign Update: It was reported in the media that it would be recommended to the WEC by the First Minister that the party democracy review should be split into two phases, the first of which would consider leadership and deputy leadership electoral arrangements and would be agreed by a special conference before the commencement of the leadership election. The WEC was due to meet on 9th June, with a meeting of the OMOV campaign of CLPs to take place on 23rd June. It was likely that the CLP would be required to respond to a consultation on this phase one following our AGM in July.

NPF Report: Annabelle Harle reported on recent policy commission evidence sessions on Brexit, including reports on the Justice and Home Affairs from Diane Abbott, Richard Burgon and David Lammy, and reports on Brexit from the CBI, TUC and Universities UK. She felt that the NPF was a flawed process which required reform.

Women's Forum Report: Alison highlighted key forthcoming events, including a women's march and a Sylvia Pankhurst film; forthcoming leafleting plans and a motion on decriminalisation of abortion to UK conference.