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Brexit Update: Kevin ran through the most recent events following the 'meaningful vote', wherein the government had been subject to an unprecedented defeat. He outlined some of the plans for future votes and the cancellation of the February recess to allow further debate.

Mark outlined the Welsh Government preparations around a 'no deal' Brexit, alongside his recent attendance at a new UK Cabinet sub-committee, which he had attended with his Scottish counterpart.

Kevin and Mark then took questions and gave comments on other elements surrounding Brexit, particularly the situation in Northern Ireland and the level of ignorance around Irish politics.

Questions to Mark and Kevin: Mark had attended his first WEC meeting as party leader and outlined his plans for making the body more transparent, including having more documents published on the Welsh Labour website.

Cllr Report (Stephen Cunnah): Stephen outlined some of the key current issues, including Guildford Crescent, Clwb Ivor Bach (the council had bought the adjoining land and would lease it to the club to allow them to expand), the poor financial situation of Cardiff Bus and the exciting plans for the re-development of Fitzalan High School.

Electoral Reform consultation: The consultation response was agreed without amendment.

Canton branch motion: This was moved by Annabelle Harle, seconded by Ramesh Patel, and passed unanimously.

Women's Forum Report: Alison and Claudia provided a written report but highlighted their plans for work around International Women's Day. Their next meeting would take place on Saturday 9th February 11am-1pm in Canton Library.

BAME Report: Ramesh discussed his forthcoming slot at the Welsh Labour Future Candidates programme and a forthcoming WEC BAME committee. The EC congratulated Ramesh on his recent award from the India Centre.

Social Media/IT Update: Peter highlighted the ongoing social media activity in Ely, alongside recent videos on Suffolk House and plans for videos with councillors.

LCF Delegates: Selwyn Hughes, Peter Jenkins, Ruth Billingham and Sophie Williams were elected as the 4 CLP LCF delegates.

Minutes of the last meeting: the minutes were agreed without amendment.