

**Minutes of Liberal Democrats' Congleton and Dane Valley Branch Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday, 8th December, 2021 on Zoom.**

**Present:** Peter Hirst, Suzy Firkin, Peter Hughes, Brenda Hughes, Diane Tams

**1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Sally Ball, Robert Douglas, Denis Murphy.

**2. Approval of Previous Minutes**

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> Jan 2021 were approved.

**3. Chair's Report**

The pandemic restrictions have meant that the branch has not met in person during 2021 and all issues have been dealt with via the Constituency Exec. Local campaigning was carried out to elect Peter Hirst (Middlewich) and support was provided to Alsager for by-elections in Alsager and Sandbach.

**4. Finance Report**

It was reported that cash in the branch's bank account had now been rationalised and all monies (except for £5) transferred to the constituency. Congleton and DV monies will remain ring fenced for local campaigning. Earmarked funds now stand at £3159.42 as of 29.11.21

We currently receive £30 per month of regular donations from members.

**5. Membership Report**

Problems with Prater Raines still continue. Peter Hirst offered to work with Michelle Hough to provide support for Congleton branch.

**6. Election of Officers**

**The following posts were filled:**

	<b>Proposer</b>	<b>Second</b>
<b>Branch Chair</b> Denis Murphy*	Suzy	Peter Hughes

\*Denis to be approached after the meeting to ask if he will continue as chair.

Post meeting note: Denis has agreed to continue as Chair of the Congleton and DV branch.

<b>Branch Vice Chair</b>	Peter Hughes	Suzy	Brenda
<b>Branch Secretary</b>	Diane Tams	Suzy	Brenda
<b>Branch Financial Officer</b>	Brenda Hughes	Diane	Peter Hirst

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**Membership Officer**            Peter Hirst                    Brenda            Peter Hughes

It was agreed that the Branch Financial Officer would automatically qualify as one of the Branch Representatives to the Constituency

**Branch Data Officer - remains open**

**7. Resolution to adopt open committee option for 2022**

Proposed by Peter Hughes / seconded by Brenda Hughes and carried unanimously

**8. Election of additional branch representatives to constituency (max 2)**

Peter Hughes and Peter Hirst will both become members of Congleton Constituency Executive

**9. Date of Next AGM**

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 7.30

**Congleton, Dane Valley & District Branch  
Liberal Democrats**

**Financial Statement for the Period  
1st January 2021 to 31st December 2021**

As from 7th May 2020 all funds from CDV&D Branch Liberal Democrats are held by the Constituency as CDV&D Earmarked Funds.

The amount held in the Branch Accounts: £ 7,775.00

**CONGLETON, DANE VALLEY & DISTRICT BRANCH EARMARKED FUNDS  
HELD BY THE CONSTITUENCY AS AT 29th NOVEMBER, 2021**

	£.p
Opening Balance as at 1st January 2021	2,309.42
Add Income of	
Donation from Denis Murphy (Payment of C.E.C. Ward member fee year ended 31st March 2021)	100.00
Monthly Donations from Six Congleton & Dane Valley members	350.00
Generous Double Donation from Denis Murphy (C.E.C. Ward member fee year ended 31st March 2022)	774.00
Please note that between 1st January 2021 and 29th November, 2021, there has been no expenditure of earmarked items.	
<b>Closing Balance as at 29th November, 2021</b>	<b><u>3,159.42</u></b>

**Anticipated Movement up to 31st December, 2021**

Opening Balance as at 29th November 2021	3,159.42
Monthly Donations from Five Congleton & Dane Valley members	774.00
<b>Closing Balance as at 31st December, 2021</b>	<b><u>3,189.42</u></b>

Brenda Hughes 6th December 2021  
CDV&D Branch Finance Officer