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Sent: 22 May 2019 04:20
To: members@jvl.org.uk; mike cushman <mike@mikecushman.co.uk>
Cc: Leah Levane <levaneleah@yahoo.co.uk>; info@jvl.org.uk
Subject: RE: JVL 2019 AGM agenda

Hi Mike,

I was not going to be able to make it to the AGM on account of my long-held commitment to do the catering for my sons' scout group that weekend (I am treasurer) but yesterday the chairperson stepped into the breach, so now I no longer have to spend the weekend under canvas in the remote Scottish highlands and am instead able to head to the big smoke and a proper bed.

I am very excited about being able to attend the JVL. If you've seen the LAZIR launch video, you will have observed that I think the JVL are the best thing since sliced bread (even though you have steadfastly refused to ignore every email I have sent to you and Leah since the 31st March).

I was most unchuffed to read your Facebook posting claiming I had failed to consult JVL about LAZIR. I have had to set the record straight here <http://www.kidsnotsuits.com/lazir-and-jvl/>

I pointed this out to Jonathan Rosenhead when I met him on Saturday at the Liberty AGM. I was there to chastise them for failing to act on his motion from last year. There were 100 Liberty members present (they have 10,300 in all) and I distributed 100 of [these flyers](#). Whilst the Liberty top table were clearly unhappy at my presence (I had the Latuff banner up outside), the members were very supportive. However, I made no trouble throughout the day, made no interventions to humiliate the many set-piece debates (I have learnt that Liberty are extremely good at stage-managing events to prevent freedom of speech, in that allowing comment on the performance of the organisation was prevented; my understanding of AGMs is different from theirs).

Anyway, I explained to Jonathan that I was a wee bit perturbed by your Facebook posting, which he knew nothing of. He did say that JVL needed to be extremely careful about associating with certain actions (like demanding the disaffiliation of the JLM from Labour) and I can appreciate that you have enough hostility on your plate without needing to add to it. I did point out that LAZIR has had a warmer response from Neturei Karta and the Friends of Al Aqsa in that these folk were discussing it with me, and I felt that was a positive start.

It may be that after what happened at LAW on the 4th May you will want to speak to me even less, for fear that I will broadcast your views to the world, but building trust is key to confidentiality, which is an arrangement that must be agreed to between two parties for it to mean anything. If you want to understand why I put the meeting online, please go to my posting at <https://www.change.org/p/to-chair-of-labour-s-nec-andy-kerr-labour-members-declaring-israel-is-a-racist-endeavour-call-on-nec-to-abandon-full-ihra/u/24583806>

I will be at the AGM and I will be giving out flyers outside and I will have my banner, and I shall seek to win converts.

I would very much like to table this motion

"This AGM notes the establishment of campaign group LAZIR (Labour Against Zionist Islamophobic Racism) and is sympathetic to its aims and policies. JVL will work with LAZIR to help further the cause of the Palestinian people in creating peace in the middle east."

What do you say? I can easily find a seconder, but I will not table it if you think it would cause JVL grief.

Best wishes

Pete Gregson

From: Mike Cushman <members@jvl.org.uk>

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Subject: JVL 2019 AGM agenda



Jewish Voice for Labour

Dear Pete,

Although you have not yet registered for the AGM we believe you would still be interested in seeing what we will be discussing at the AGM. There is still time to [register](#) and we hope you will join us

The computer system glitched when sending out the AGM announcement and you were told the wrong membership number.

Your membership number is 5818A

Jewish Voice for Labour - 2nd Annual General Meeting

We will start at 12.30 for a light vegetarian lunch and time to meet other members before being ready to start the formal business at 1.30.

We will ask you to come prepared to give a £10.00 contribution (if you can afford this) towards food, room hire and a pooled fare system for those members travelling from outside London.

Provisional Agenda

Part 1 – Formal AGM Business - Jenny Manson to Chair

1. Welcome: (including brief introduction of Current Officers and Committee members)
2. Minutes of the 2018 AGM and Matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda
3. General Report on the work done over the past year – presented by the co-chairs and relevant officers
 - a. Website
 - b. Finance
 - c. Membership and affiliations
 - d. Media
 - e. Supporting members
 - f. Auschwitz visit
4. Ongoing working Groups:
 - Education Group
 - Witch Hunt Film

5. Constitutional Amendments

We discussed amendments to the constitution at the last AGM and a working group has been discussing them since; this has proved more complex than we originally envisaged.

The Officers are proposing the attached amendments which we are circulating now to meet our requirement of two weeks' notice. Please send any amendments to these proposed changes to the Secretary secretary@jvl.org.uk by 24 May so we can circulate them to members 7 days before the meeting.

6. Motions (if any)

7. Election of Committee and Officers

Break

Part Two – Leah Levane to chair

9. Political debate

Far right on the rise; environment collapsing; inequality deepening; JVL's role in securing our future – introduced by Graham Bash

10. Future Strategy for JVL - brief update (introduced by Jonathan Rosenhead)

How to continue to respond to ongoing attacks AND be proactive?

11. Any Other Business

Labour Party Conference arrangements.