

From: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: WALLASEY CLP COMPLAINTS
Date: 18 Ju y 2016 at 09:19

To: [REDACTED] Iain McNicol [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

I agree, but I think we have to do what Angela wants in these circumstances.

Iain - you've spoken to her, what did she say?

On [REDACTED] wait until after NEC tomorrow before any action and then talk to her. She won't have seen the email below or attachments.

Thanks
[REDACTED]

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the O2 network.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 18 July 2016 09:04
To: [REDACTED] Iain McNicol; [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: WALLASEY CLP COMPLAINTS

I discussed this with [REDACTED] (copied in) on Friday, and we thought then that suspending them might hurt Angela. If Angela says otherwise now, there are a few options:

1. Suspend CLP until after the leadership election. This is in effect suspension from nominating, hustings and any conference business;
2. Suspend CLP pending investigation and report to disputes – which is what we've done in Gorton. It's ostensibly more 'neutral' as it puts judgement off, but still stops them doing anything. Involves a whole lot of work;
3. Write to all office holders to say that they will be individually disciplined if any of them conduct unauthorised party business at the moment, regardless of whether they keep telling the meeting that it isn't a meeting or any other such fudges. Includes use of membership list etc. Remove CC and Membercentre access.

For the first two options I'll have to get sign-off from [REDACTED]. I tested the water with her on this last week and she wasn't keen. To her it's a nuclear option – doesn't help that the NEC ballots have just gone out.

Let me know your thoughts.
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 18 July 2016 08:27
To: Iain McNicol; [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: WALLASEY CLP COMPLAINTS

Over to you [REDACTED].
[REDACTED]

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the O2 network.

From: Iain McNicol
Sent: Monday, 18 July 2016 08:21
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: WALLASEY CLP COMPLAINTS

She is happy for clp to be suspended and so am I.

Can we sort.

Ta

Sent from Samsung Mobile on O2

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From: [REDACTED]
Date: 18/07/2016 6:59 am (GMT+00:00)
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED] Iain McNicol
Subject: Fw: WALLASEY CLP COMPLAINTS

Hiya

See below and attached. We should discuss. Let me know what you think.

Obviously anything would have to be agreed with Angela etc.

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Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the O2 network.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, 17 July 2016 23:15
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: WALLASEY CLP COMPLAINTS

Dear [REDACTED]

I am writing with regards to the increasing hostility, threats of violence, bullying and intimidation going on at Wallasey CLP.

I with others would like to lodge a formal complaint regarding the Wallasey CLP, its officers and members.

I attend as a Seacombe branch delegate, I am the co-vice chair of the CLP and a Seacombe ward councillor in the Wallasey constituency.

I think that the CLP is OUT OF CONTROL and should be suspended with immediate effect.

While I lead this request for CLP suspension, this request is supported by the individuals listed at the end of this email, I have also copied them into my email.

I am writing to express concern over the conduct of the officers at the Wallasey CLP, Branch members and party members of this constituency.

The CLP and its branches are bringing the party into disrepute.

I have attached some information regarding the conduct of recent meetings, this information consists of complaints made from members regarding the deteriorating conduct of the CLP meetings over the past few months up to and including the AGM and since.

After seeing the MANY interviews given by Paul Davies and Kathy Runswick, the conduct of Kathy Miller as CLP secretary, I am appalled that they seem to be denying that anything is wrong at these meetings.

The CLP meetings are anything but comradely.

I must also take this opportunity to stress that the hostility and threatening behaviour at these meetings also put me and others off from making this complaint through fear of reprisals, to anyone present who didn't agree.

However these people need to be held to account and I, with others, can no longer stay silent.

Paul Davies, in many interviews, seem to suggest those who witnessed any of this behaviour are almost just as guilty for not calling them out at the meetings.

These meetings are hostile from the beginning and I truly do believe anyone who speaks out, not only would they not be believed but they would be accused of lying and even thrown out, possibly ending in physical altercations, as indicated by threats of violence.

The complaint is not exhaustive but consists of the following areas:

1. Threats of violence from other members/ delegates.

Meetings have become very hostile with people attending who not should be present.

Members have been heard threatening people saying they “would come back there and punch you in the head”, for having an opinion. This threat of violence is un-comradely in fact illegal.

This is common place now and goes unchallenged by anyone because of intimidation and bullying.

2. Intimidation

When people try to leave people stand in the way of the door and are told those trying to leave, they are not leaving and sit down. While people do leave the actions are an intimidating act.

3. Homophobic abuse.

At our AGM, when electing the LBGT officer, there was some delegates who started limping their wrists to each other and laughing. Homophobic comments have been said by members including “Angie the dyke”, making reference to Angela Eagle MP.

4. Unconstitutional meetings and voting.

Despite meeting being called off by the NEC, is an awareness of meetings going ahead.

Not only is this unconstitutional but it is clear breach of the data protection act as these meetings were called and went ahead with the use of Labour party membership details and lists.

A meeting that went ahead in the New Brighton branch on 13/07/2016 @ 7:30 was attended by a Guardian journalist, [REDACTED], and the ex press secretary to Jeremy Corbyn, [REDACTED].

At this meeting [REDACTED] managed to get Jeremy Corbyn on the phone, on loud speaker, to speak to those members present. This has been widely reported in the media.

To be clear our concerns are as follows:

- Members threatening violence.
- Intimidating behaviour from members.
- Homophobic abuse.
- The improper use of party membership details & breach of data protection.
- CLP officers abusing their positions.
- Branches and CLP meeting being called and going ahead, despite being instructed to be called off.
- Non-members in attendance at meetings.
- Attendance of press at meetings.
- The CLP chair & secretary have called a meeting for the 22nd July, despite being told they cannot have this meeting. They are now using the meeting as a rallying cry.
- CLP officers are still going ahead with a meeting on 22nd July, all CLP members have been invited using the Labour party database and in spite of all meetings being called off by the NEC.

I hope my complaint is taken with the utter most seriousness. This is not the party I joined and this should not be allowed to continue.

Kind regards,

Paul Stuart

Co signatures:

[REDACTED]

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