

A1-AGM Extraordinary Circumstances Constitutional Motion: AGM Extraordinary Circumstances

Proposer: Edinburgh Greens Branch Committee

Motion text

- 1 In the Constitution,
- 2 Add section 2.3.1: In extraordinary circumstances, it may not be possible to
- 3 hold an AGM within 14 months. The branch committee may therefore be permitted to
- 4 postpone the AGM until circumstances have changed, following a majority vote of
- 5 the branch committee. The branch committee must inform the members of the branch
- 6 of this decision. The terms of office of the branch committee will be extended
- 7 until the AGM can take place.
- 8 Add section 2.3.2: If 5% of the membership of the Branch object to the
- 9 postponement of the AGM, then the branch committee must ensure that the AGM
- 10 takes place.
- 11 Amend 11.2 to read: "By the Branch not having called an AGM within 14 months of
- 12 the previous such meeting, unless there are extraordinary circumstances which
- 13 have been communicated to the members."

Reason

With the pandemic in 2020, it was realised by the branch committee that it would not be possible to hold the AGM at its normal time. While the party and branch were flexible under the circumstances, it was clear that the Constitution was not.

Both Section 2.3 and Section 11 deal with reasons that the branch may be dissolved, specifically that there has not been an AGM within 14 months. These amendments incorporate scope for the branch to continue functioning under extraordinary circumstances.