

Unite Glasgow Retired Members' Branch
Action Sub-Committee
8 February 2018

12 members present

Greenock Dry Dock: The threat to the existence of the Greenock Dry Dock raised at the last Branch meeting was discussed and it was agreed that the matter should be raised at the next meeting of the Glasgow Trades Council.

Awards for All: It was agreed that the drafting of an application should not be abandoned and that it would be useful to distribute the Questionnaire on paper at the Triennial meeting.

Education Course: The Chair read out a list of those who had volunteered to attend the three day course run by City of Glasgow College and stated that it would be possible for others to attend. The Course would be run on 2 and 9 May at JSH and on 6 June at the college campus. It was agreed that those who had signed up for the Course should be reminded as the list of those attending was compiled some time ago.

Ian Findlay mentioned that he was due to meet James Aitken to find out what in-house courses were available and suitable for retired members.

Visits to Schools: Janette Dunbar had provided a copy of the STUC's manual "Union's into Schools" and it was emphasised that any visits would have to be arranged through Unite and the STUC. The Chair to read the lengthy manual and report again to the ASC

Speakers: The meeting was delighted that the General Secretary had indicated that he hoped to visit the Branch on his next visit to Scotland and thanked the Branch Secretary on his persistence in getting a positive answer.

It was emphasised that it was particularly valuable to get speakers from the rank and file of the Movement and it was felt that we should recommend to the Branch that a speaker from the UCU on the present dispute and a speaker from those women workers struggling for equal pay employed by Glasgow Council should be considered. It was acknowledged that shifts in disputes could necessitate changes of speakers at short notice. Dave Sherry said that he could arrange for a speaker from the UCU.

It was also felt that it would be useful to get a speaker to update the Branch on black listing.

Billy Donahue (Unite Organiser) joined the meeting and spoke on current industrial disputes in the unavoidable absence of Roz Foyer. He assured us that any help from retired members would be very welcome and undertook liaison with the Branch Secretary, the ASC Chair and Dave Sherry to update us on disputes and how we could help. This could be partially facilitated by being added to Bob Wylie's press releases.

Among current activity he cited Carillion, the off-shore helicopter 225 campaign, RBS branch closures and Bifab. He emphasised that the Union wants to use retired members in campaigns and that the Community Branches were active in campaigns.

Date of Next Meeting: 8 March at 12.30.