

**Glasgow Retired Members' Branch,
Action Sub-Committee
10 May 2018**

10 members in attendance. Apologies received from Irene Graham and Bob McKenna.

Communication: David Paterson had seen the Organiser, Billy Donohoe, who had circulated Union branches etc. to request them to let the Retired Members' Branch know of any industrial action in which we could be of assistance. A discussion took place on how we could respond expeditiously to requests for help. (see footnotes)

Branch Leaflet/letter: It was reported that the Branch Committee felt that a letter to in-work Branch secretaries asking them to ensure that members coming up to retirement knew of our existence, should be prepared instead of a leaflet for Retiring Members+. The ASC Chair has emailed the Branch Secretary to prepare the letter for submission to the Committee and then to Pat Rafferty. (see footnotes)

Community Branch: It was agreed that it would be useful to invite Community officials to attend a Branch meeting and tell us about their work.

Discrimination: the difficulties in obtaining full rights in the Union were discussed, but a start could be made in appropriate motions to the Rules Revision Conference. Due to the very short notice regarding the Triennial Retired Members conference it is too late to send a motion to it.

Banner: An excellent branch banner on display at the May Day Rally was mentioned but it was pointed out that this cost £2000. David Paterson said he would make some enquiries of local banner makers and the costs involved. (see footnotes)

Speakers: John Keenan had been agreed as the speaker at our June meeting and it was suggested that Anita would make an excellent speaker in the future about her experience of racial discrimination in the USA and US Trade Unions. However, it was agreed invitations to future speakers could wait until after the summer break.

Education: It was reported that the current education course was going well, and that lecturer, Alan Richardson, and Janet Dunbar should be approached by our Branch Education Officer to consider how we continue after the Course finishes. It was reported that 3 members had been approved for attendance at the October residential course in Eastbourne with a further application to be made.

Awards for All:- Liverpool- Manchester visit: It was emphasised that any such visit had to include a strong educational element. Irene Graham will be approached to see whether our initial ideas can be progressed or the project should be abandoned. (see footnotes)

Food Banks: It was suggested that there might be ways in which the Branch could help local food banks and it was suggested that the Branch Committee could consider this. John Rodger to research.

Date of next Meeting: 14/06@ 12.30pm

Footnotes for Branch Committee to follow-up:

Communication: how do we organise those willing to get involved when we are informed to attend a dispute etc.

Leaflet/letter: Comments from Committee members on the letter once received from Branch Secretary.

Banner: ASC Chair to report on any findings regarding banners.

Awards for All: Discuss any follow up.