

Unite Retired Members' Branch, Glasgow
Action Sub-Committee
14 June 2018

5 members present. Apologies received from Dave Sherry, Bob McKenna, Maureen Gardner, David Edwards; Bobby Brennan; and Jake McLeod.

Branch Leaflet. It was noted with pleasure that the Branch Secretary is preparing a leaflet to be sent to all Branch secretaries introducing our Branch and inviting members to join us on retirement.

Activists Triennial Meeting. It was noted that the Branch Secretary had agreed to write to refute the procedure adopted to elect committee members to the Activists Committee, to call for the invalidation of the election of those retired members "elected" at the Conference and the acceptance of the two members elected as delegates at our own Triennial meeting. It was acknowledged that this could be rejected, but agreed that these efforts should be pursued in the interests of Union lay democracy.

Education Course Evaluation. The positive evaluation of the recent 3 day Course was distributed and it was agreed that the course had been excellent, both in terms of tutors and the opportunity for free-ranging discussion. It was felt that further opportunities for courses with the City of Glasgow Colleges would be useful and proposals from our Education Officer were eagerly awaited.

Scotland against Trump. Members were reminded that there would be a demonstration in George Square from 5.00 on 13 July to coincide with President Trump's arrival in the U.K.

Equalities. It was considered that it was very important that all social and economic equalities should feature prominently on our agendas, notably those affecting older citizens.

Community Branch. It was hoped that if we could get Community Branch members to our Branch meeting, it should be easier to discuss what we could do together.

Unite's Priorities. Discussion at the recent education course on how Unite's structures could be enhanced and membership made more attractive to younger people in particular were felt useful and could be developed in the Branch and ASC.

The Labour Party and its Manifesto. A summary of the Labour Party's manifesto on employment rights provided at the recent Education Course was redistributed and it was felt could be the basis for discussions by the Branch.

Nominations for Labour Party Candidates. It was strongly expressed that inadequate time was being allowed for Branches to support nominations for Labour Party candidates for the Westminster general election. A request for our branch (and, indeed the Union's selection committee) to consider supporting a nomination for the West Dunbartonshire Constituency at less than a week's notice, for example, was totally inadequate.

Date of Next Meeting: 9 August. 12.30. John Smith House.