

## **Minutes of the Unite Glasgow Retired Members Branch Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> November 2018**

**Chair welcomed 38 members to the meeting.**

**1. Apologies: Anne Beckett, Allan Cameron, Charles Beatty, James Bell, George Callaghan, John Campbell, Margaret Cochrane, Harriet Coletta, J. Cousin, Kenneth Doran, Kenneth Farquhar, John Ferguson, Christopher Gilzean, Sian Goh, W. Hamill, Robert Hamilton, Peter Heaney, James Henry, Josephine Hillcoat, Annette Holmes, M.J. Horne, James Ito, J.G. Johnston, Joseph Keenan, John Loudon, Katrina MacCuish, Myra Martin, John McDade, Janette McLean, Dennis McLellan, Russell McLintock, John McNally, A. Mosher, Charles O'Brien, James O'Rourke, James Patrick, Antoine Priele, M. Rely, William Ross, George Scott, Daniel Sharpe, Donald Sime, Alan Sinclair, Robert Smyth, Graham Stewart, L. Thomson, Mayreen Vass.**

**2. New members and/or members attending a branch meeting for the first time were welcomed to the meeting.**

**3. Minutes of the previous Branch Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2018 were agreed as correct.**

**4. Matters Arising**

- a) Members were informed that any outstanding payments for the Xmas Lunch should be made to the Treasurer at the end of the meeting.**
- b) Members were reminded of the arrangements for the visit to the Dundee Song Club on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November.**
- c) Dave Sherry confirmed he would be attending the National unity demonstration against fascism and racism in London on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November**
- d) Members were informed that Union Diaries would be available for sale at the Christmas Lunch and at the January Branch Meeting.**

**5. Speaker for next Branch Meeting.**

**Dave Sherry agreed to organise an invitation for a speaker for the January Branch meeting if possible. The topic would be the history of the Fire Brigades Union on the occasion of their centenary**

**6. Reports from Meetings / Conferences attended**

- a) The Secretary reported on matters discussed at the Branch Committee Meeting as follows:**

- 1) **Branch delegates to CLPs.** The Secretary agreed to correspond and liaise with Jackson Cullinane regarding the implementation of the adopted protocol for the nomination and election of branch delegates.
- 2) **Area Activist Committee.** The Secretary referred to correspondence with Pat Rafferty regarding disputed procedural matters. It was agreed to send a formal complaint regarding the non-invitation of RMBG Officers to the triennial meeting of the AAC.
- 3) **Confirmation has been received that a long service Gold Badge for Jim Friel was approved by the Union head office. Presentation would be made in the new year.**

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b) **David Paterson reported on the Action Sub Committee Meeting held 11<sup>th</sup> October.**

- c) **Maureen Gardner reported on the October meeting of the Scottish Pensioners Forum (copy attached to agenda papers).**
- d) **Sammy Morris reported on his attendance at the education course in Eastbourne. The course was generally considered to be informative and interesting. Travel arrangements by train however proved to be tiring and inconvenient. Air travel should be considered for attendance at any future courses in the south of England.**
- e) **Irene Graham reported on the October meeting of the National Retired Members Committee.**

**7. Education Officer Report.**

**David Paterson circulated a list of suggested topics for future education courses and members were requested to indicate their interest and/or suggest any alternatives. David had contacted the STUC 'Unions Into Schools Team' and received a positive response regarding RMBG members participation in the STUC project.**

**8. Equalities Officer Report**

**Irene Graham gave a brief talk about the proposed roles, activities and agendas relevant to equality issues. It was proposed to arrange a meeting with the full - time officer responsible, i.e. Elaine Dougall, with a view to establishing links with other Unite committees involved in pursuing equality agendas, for example LGBT and Disability Committees. It was also agreed to draft a motion to Unite proposing national coordination for UN Older Persons Day.**

**9. Treasurers Report**

**Maureen Gardner submitted the report to the meeting (copy attached to agenda papers).**

**10. Constituency Labour Party Reports and Nominations.**

**Branch Member Colin Sheach expressed an interest in becoming a delegate to the Eastwood CLP. The Secretary agreed to write to him concerning this with a view to taking matters forward.**

**11. Pensioner Issues.**

**Members were encouraged to sign the petition protesting any proposal to abolish free entitlement to TV licences for over 75s. Support for the ongoing WASPIE campaign was also encouraged.**

**12. Disputes**

**Current disputes involving fellow trade unionists were noted as follows:**

**EIS pay claim**

**GCC Equal Pay**

**University and College Lecturers pay claim**

**Glasgow Life Workers (Emirates Stadium)**

**13. Any Other Business**

**Robert Buirds gave an update on the campaign to save Inchgreen Drydock in Inverclyde. Meetings with officials from Inverclyde Council and the Scottish Government were continuing. Branch agreed a donation of £100.00 to the campaign.**

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 2.05pm with a vote of thanks to the chair.**

**Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2019**