

## Minutes of the Unite Glasgow Retired members Branch 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2018

Chair Jake McLeod welcomed 32 members to meeting including three new members. He hoped to see our secretary Mick Rice out and about soon and feeling well following recent surgery. He also reminded members that all colleagues, young and old, should be treated with respect.

1. Apologies: J. Banner-Rall, M. Beckett, C. Boyd, J. Bell, J. Craig, A. Cameron, G. Cowan, J. Hillcoat, J. Ito, A. Morgan, L. Miller, J. Murray, D. McIntyre, J. Patrick, M. Rice, G. Scott, D. Sime, A. Shelton, J. Friel, J. Inverarity, R. Buird, D. Sherry, D. O'Donnell.
2. Minutes of previous meeting agreed as correct.
3. Matters Arising
  - a) Chair reported that the bus dispute at Aberdeen was now settled
  - b) Susanna Rice reported that so far, she had 25 names for the Waverley Trip and she would be collecting monies at end of meeting. Also had menus for members to make their selection of starter and main course.
4. Correspondence
  - a) Nominations for Labour Party Parliamentary Candidates. Agreed to support the Branch Committee recommendations - Linda Crocker for Shettleston and Martin Lennon for Glasgow North West.
  - b) Letter re update on Inchgreen Dry Dock Campaign (branch already donated). Chair reported that he had visited Liverpool and saw video of the picketing – no facilities for the drivers to have a comfort break or to have a cup of tea etc.
  - c) Letter from Community Branch re screening of FBU Centenary Film followed by discussion led by Denise Christie covering also the Grenfell Fire Disaster – 9<sup>th</sup> May at 2.30pm in John Smith House.
  - d) Communication from Roz Foyer on “Automaton” workshops – Glasgow 6<sup>th</sup> June.
  - e) Information on Inflation Rates for use by those in negotiating positions.
  - f) Letter from West London Community Branch seeking support for having observer status at appropriate regional meetings, similar to retired members. Maybe consider motion on this for future meeting.
5. Reports
  - a) Equalities Officer – Irene Graham reported that she will prepare an overview for next meeting.
  - b) Action Sub-Committee - written report submitted. David Paterson highlighted some of the recommendations. Union should inform us of disputes that are taking place; need to draft a recruitment letter which could be given to branch secretaries, activists committee and any other appropriate groups. for passing on to their members who are approaching retiral. Need to draft a letter and get Pat Rafferty's approval before sending out. It was also felt that Branch should consider a showing of the FBU centenary film.
  - c) Education Officer – Ian Findlay asked David Paterson to update us and he reminded us that the next course was covering issues such as “Looking at the

Link between Trade Unions and the Labour Party”, “Socialist Alternatives” and Dave Sherry would deal with the “Russian Revolution”.

- d) Eastbourne Retired Members Course – this would take place from 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> October and names should be given to Ian Findlay who would forward to Education Department.
  - e) Scottish Pensioners’ Forum – written report submitted by Maureen Gardner. She highlighted the fact that we are still awaiting for the results of the Transport Minister’s consultation on concessionary travel (over 1900 responses had been made). Also referred to the arrangements for the upcoming Annual Conference on 5<sup>th</sup> June in Glasgow.
  - f) Trades Council – Bill Newman reported that election of officials had taken place. The Annual Income was £11,000 but expenditure was £13,000. Referred to the Glasgow Council decision to take back in house various out-sourced groups such as Cordia, and Community Safety Workers. UCU strike was suspended. May Day Rally – assemble George Square 11.00am and move off at 11.30 for Rally in the Royal Concert Hall.
6. Any other business
- a) Agreed in future to put “Disputes” as an agenda item following “Pensioners Issues.
  - b) McDonalds – support young people on strike
  - c) Speaker at next meeting – agreed to invite John Keenan

Meeting closed at 1.30pm with a vote of thanks to the chair.