

Glasgow Retired Members' Branch
Action Sub-Committee
14 March 2019

8 members in attendance. Apologies received from Helen Hutcherson, Ian Findlay, David Edwards, Bobby Bremner, James Ito, Frank Murphy and Maureen Gardner.

Anti-racism march and rally. Dave Sherry read the press release for the march and rally. He noted that the Branch banner would be provided and urged members to attend even if they were unable to take part in the march.

UN Day of Older People. It was thought that the Branch should start to make plans for our participation in October.

Scottish Pensioners Forum. It was hoped that there would be a good group and individual attendance at the AGM of the SPF on 4 June in Dundee.

May Day Rally. It was hoped that the Branch would have an organised presence at the Glasgow May Day Rally on 5 May. It was felt sad that trade union hierarchies did not give more active support to May Day Rallies and it was hoped that Unite would have a formal presence.

Hate Crime Legislation. Anita gave a background report on the questionnaire which she had submitted on behalf of the Branch further to Lord Bracadale's review of Scotland's hate legislation. It was noted that Recommendation 10 of his review recommended that age hostility should be added to existing protections which listed statutory aggravations in prosecutions. Anita then invited comments on her submission and a full discussion followed. It was felt that Anita had provided excellent answers to the questionnaire which were fully endorsed by members. It was felt rather disappointing that the Branch has not previously prioritised this subject for discussion and Anita was thanked for her timely and important effort on behalf of the Branch.

Speakers. It was noted that Terry Renshaw would be addressing the Branch on the Shrewsbury 24's attempts to get a judicial review of the prosecutions and sentences arising from their picketing in the 1970s.

Next ASC Meeting: 11 April at 12.30. All retired members welcome.