

Glasgow Retired Members Branch
Action Sub-Committee

11 April 2019

Apologies received from Ian Finlay, Anita Sheldon, Frank Murphy and Dave Sherry. Six members present.

May Day: Some surprise was expressed that there was no mention of this year's May Day Rally at the last Branch meeting and it was hoped that it was not too late for an organized presence to be announced at the next Branch meeting.

Shrewsbury 24: It was felt that the address by Terry Renshaw at the last Branch meeting had been inspirational. The Labour Party election manifesto has apparently guaranteed that the papers redacted from public view for *security reasons* will be released when Labour is returned to power.

Branch Agenda: The structure of the Branch agenda was felt to be satisfactory but concern was felt that many members were not contributing to debate and that some means should be explored to encourage participation.

Networking: It was felt that the Branch could participate more fully in other sympathetic organizations though it was acknowledged that Dave Sherry in particular was excellent in reporting back on external links. In particular, it was hoped that links with other Union retired members' groups could be established, not least as specific problems associated with older members could be addressed. It was agreed that the attendance of Roz Foyer at our June Branch meeting was an opportunity to discuss these possibilities.

Education: The disappointing response to prospective attendance for the one-day seminar on **The Equality Act** was discussed and it was felt that if it were emphasized that the Act covered age discrimination, then there would be more enthusiasm to attend. D Paterson, Education Officer to discuss with the tutor.

Next Meeting: 9 May; Room 3; 12.30pm