

**Newcastle City Branch  
BRANCH COMMITTEE MINUTES  
2 February 2015**

**PRESENT:** N Ramanandi, A Hamilton, L Ashbridge, T Carr, C McArdle, T Leddicoat, L Rogers, C Matthews, W Aitman, M Dobson, E Jameson, R Nelson, N Oliver, J Yugire, J Liepins-Hall, D Mead, J Imhoof, L Patterson, M Symington, N Bone, E Whitby, J Horne, C McGuinness(CMcG), T Cook, E Wilson, J Bird, P Gilroy

**In Attendance:** D Atkinson

**APOLOGIES:** V Anson, J Nicholson, A Carson, S Hicks, I Royal, R Sheikh, P Barwick, K Bensley, K O'Rourke, L McGurk, J Carden, K Harle

**1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

NR to chair meeting until 4pm when JB is able to be released from work– apologies noted.

**2. MINUTES FOR CONFIRMATION**

- Branch Committee 2 February – **AGREED**
- Matters Arising – None
- Branch Education December – Meeting was cancelled

**3. BRANCH MEMBERSHIP**

- NR reported a slight increase in membership.

**4. FINANCIAL REPORT**

No financial report as AH and PG are currently compiling the end of year budget.

- Affiliations, Donations and Correspondence  
National Pensioners Convention - £25; ACTSA - £40; Cuba Solidarity Support to local branch - £20; UNIMAG - £100 (subscription); UNISON Northern Multi-Cultural Music Event; £250; Science Week Convention - £150 – **all AGREED**
- Branch Budget  
PG gave an update on branch budget for 2015, giving the context in terms of membership. Various discussion were held around communication, honoraria etc. **The Branch budget for 2015 was approved on a show of hands.**

**5. NEC ELECTION 2015 – Nominations**

The following candidates were agreed: Ian Fleming, Paul Gilroy, Josie Bird, Sue Forster, Dan Goodwin, Wendy Nichols & Lyn Poulton, John Gray, June Poole, Calvin Smeda Liz Cameron and Andrew Anderson.

**6. REGIONAL COUNCIL – Nominations**

Nominations agreed for Clare Williams Regional Convenor, Nicky Ramanandi Deputy Regional Convenor and Arthur Dickinson Regional Treasurer. Anyone interested in being a delegate for Regional Council was asked to contact the branch.

**7. LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE / NATONAL DELEGATE CONFERENCE**

PG encouraged stewards to submit motions to be agreed at the next branch committee by 4pm Wednesday (04/02/2015). CMcG expressed an interest as the disabled / low paid delegate for SLGC, LGC and NDC.

**8. BRANCH REVIEW**

- PG presented recommendations following meetings of the branch review working group:
- Proposal 1 – **AGREED**

- Proposal 2 – **AGREED**
- Proposal 3 – **AGREED**
- Proposal 4 – **AGREED**
- Proposal 5 – **AGREED**
- Proposal 6 – **AGREED**
- Proposal 7 – **AGREED**

The remaining proposals will be discussed at the branch committee as the meeting was no longer quorate.

**9. BRANCH OFFICER REPORTS**

Reports tabled.

**10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Lobby of full council planned on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2015.

**11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2015, 3.00pm, Newcastle Civic Centre.