

UNISON – Newcastle City Branch

BRANCH COMMITTEE MINUTES - Monday 3 October 2016

PRESENT: P Gregory, E Wilson, E Whitby, E Peck, S J Robson, J Yugire(JY), W Aitman(WA), M Hollings, T Cook, J Horne, D Mead, J Imhoof(JI), D Tree, V Suddes, L Wilson, M Dobson, T Leddicoat, M Wilkinson, L Hardie(LH), N Ramanandi(NR), J Bird(JB-Chair), P Gilroy(PG), JM Nicholson, J McKeough, N Bone

In Attendance: T Johnstone(TJ), K Loughlin

APOLOGIES: A Carson, L Patterson, N Oliver, C McGuinnes, P Barwick, S Haque, A Hamilton + 2 illegible names

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

JB opened the meeting.

2. Minutes for Confirmation

Branch Committee – **AGREED**

Matters Arising – None

Health & Safety – None

Branch Education – None due to Forum taking place

3. Branch Membership

Noted

4. Financial Report

PG covered the financial report by providing copies of the Branch Budget

Affiliations & Donations:

- Re-affiliated to Justice For Columbia - £90 - **AGREED**
- Donation to Derby Teaching Assistants For Strike - £1000 for the industrial action fund – **AGREED**
- Junior Doctors JB suggested message of solidarity is sent. £250 discussed if requested in writing for future strike.

5. Health & Safety

PG no heating in the Civic this week, if below minimum temperature contact Manager first

Jl raised issue of high temperature within the IT office.

6. Workforce Learning & Development

WA Pensions session at next Branch Committee. ULR Forum received positive feedback from ULRs. Waiting for news of Award nomination for Learning At Work Week.

JY Bridges To Learning have new courses coming up including one on Anxiety.

PART TWO

At the start of the section PG, NR and LH gave an overview of Budget implications and slides will be circulated

7. Employee Relations Framework – Paul Gilroy

PG copies were circulated prior to the meeting but a suggestion was taken from the floor that a meeting on Framework and Facility Time was arranged with Convenors and the Framework to be discussed at the next Branch Committee following this in November.

8. Branch Budget – Paul Gilroy

PG gave an overview by referring to budget papers circulated, in advance of next month's meeting further information will be circulated concerning the review on Honoraria - now completed. Also information was highlighted on more support being given to CVs sector as part of the budget allocation.

9. GFF Presentation-Terry Johnstone

TJ - The work was supported by a paper report given of work within the Community and Voluntary sector which hopes to build capacity by recruitment and organising. Already TJ has managed to get an item in the Newcastle CVs newsletter

PART THREE – Officer Reports & Questions

10. Directorate Reports

Nothing further to add to the provided reports.

11. Branch Officer Reports

Nothing further to add to the provided reports.

12. National and Regional Committees

Regional Committee supported Nicky Ramanandi as the new Regional Convenor, who received a round of applause from Branch Committee.

13. Any Other Business

None

Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday 9 November, 3.00pm, Committee Room, Civic Centre