

## UNISON – Newcastle City Branch

### BRANCH COMMITTEE MINUTES-Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017

**PRESENT:** J Bird, E Peck, L Wilson, L Patterson, A Carson, N Bone, M Carr, D Tree, C McGuinness, A Chambers, A Hamilton, D Mead, J Imhoof, M Wilkinson, E Wilson, J Horne, W Ndlovu, J Nicholson, L Hardie, N Ramanandi, P Gilroy

**APOLOGIES:** P Barwick, C Collinson, L Jackson, C Jackson, M Dobson, A Haq, L Roberts, N Oliver, T Cook, J Yugire, P Gregory, J Carden

#### **PART ONE – Regular Business**

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

2. **Minutes for Confirmation**

Branch Committee –agreed

Matters Arising – none

Health and Safety – none

Branch Education – none meeting due 8<sup>th</sup> March

3. **Branch Membership – tabled**

NR: ongoing recruitment invite for all Shop Stewards with list of members within their area scheduled for April.

PG: recruitment figures increased however issue regarding ATL poaching at Walkergate discussed.

4. **Financial Report**

Branch expenditure tabled and noted.

Affiliations, Donations and Correspondence noted

- Recognition of service, work and commitment from Sue within the Branch Office the sum of £340 to buy a gift of choice in recognition of this –supported

5. **Health & Safety**

- Agile Working meeting with PG, NR and Project Lead raised importance of ongoing comm's to staff.

6. **Workforce Development and Learning**

- WA noted that both WA and EP will be providing books (women authors) to the Tear & Share lunch for the Women members meeting on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March. This will be followed by Branch Education meeting.
- B2L Project confirmed project will run for further 12 months.

#### **PART TWO –Specific Business**

7. **Council 2017 .....and beyond**

- Shared Services PG gave background to this following collapsed devolution deal. Project on transactional shared service with Northumberland Council. Report to cabinet due June/July then would seek agreement. Will keep updated.

- JH raised concern regarding Regional Transport Team affected by devolution – It was advised that this would be part of discussion in future.
- Parks Trust NR gave background and highlighted budget reduction and public consultation urged those who live in Newcastle to take part. All options being considered.

## **8. UNISON 2017 ...and beyond**

- Pay Campaign –a broad discussion took place regarding past and future pay claims a number of points were raised and PG noted all. Intention to put these together and share with Shop Stewards.
- TU Bill –now Act from 1<sup>st</sup> March and the effect this will have on future possible action.
- Public Sector Exit Cap/LGPS PG gave detail on this and that previous industrial action was in relation to pensions.

Broad discussion took place on these three issues.

## **9. Conference 2017**

Branch delegation agreed.

## **PART THREE –OFFICER REPORTS**

### **10. Directorate Reports**

All tabled

- LH gave verbal update regarding Regional Adoption Agency workshop event and that will update further when details are known.
- EW –noted Social Work Events and that meeting was due to take place next week for future events.

### **11. Branch Officer Reports**

- It was noted that Women's Conference took place in February and that a report will follow.
- International Women's Day – women members tear and share lunch on 8<sup>th</sup> March.

### **12. National and Regional Committees and Conference Reports**

- LGSG – LH appointed Vice Chair. Discussion included Library Seminar, Sustainable Transformation Plans and meeting held with attendance from Local Gov. and Health also pay claim, Regional Adoption Agency and Social Work Events.

### **13. AOB**

Future Branch Committee's may be held in Swan/Parsons etc. Different days/ times to be considered to increase attendance.