



**MINUTES OF BRISTOL TRADES UNION COUNCIL HELD ON
28TH. NOVEMBER 2018
TONY BENN HOUSE**

42/18 ATTENDANCE

Officers Simon Crew, Unite, (President), Hugh Kirkbride Unite, (Vice-President), A. Robertson, RMT (Secretary), A. Kempshall, Unite, (Communications)

Delegates 2 delegates from PCS. 1 delegate from NUJ, 1 delegate from UCU, 1 delegate from USDAW and 4 delegates from Unite.

42/18 APOLOGIES

1 delegate from ASLE&F, 1 delegate from RMT, 3 delegates from Unite, 2 delegates from NEU/NUT and 1 delegate from PCS

43/18 Minutes of meeting held on 31st. October 2018 were read and agreed as a correct record.

44/18 Matters arising

Motion - "Municipalisation of the Buses"

Hugh Kirkbride will attend the Buses Branch when it meets in December

University of Bristol Court. Final Agenda awaited.

45/18 Reports

South West Trades Councils Autumn Meeting, Saturday. 3rd November, Bridgwater.

Simon Crew who Chaired this meeting gave a report.

Speakers included Gemma Offland, Trades' Councils' Conference delegate to TUC Congress 2018 who reported that younger people were now getting involved with unions, eg. the TGI Friday and McDonald's disputes. Gemma was now the TUC JCC Rep for the West Midlands. Shropshire and Telford TUC had 22 affiliated branches. Its main current campaign was against the closure of the A&E Department at Telford. The far right in various guises had come to Telford several times to stir up anti-Muslim hatred

over the issue of child molestation, and the trades council was right at the front of the opposition.

Nigel Costley, South West TUC Secretary took the opportunity to express some personal views and not speak on behalf of the SWTUC. We were there to listen to and learn from each other and this included challenging our own views about trade unions.

Dave Chapple, TUC JCC Rep gave his Report

Reports from Trades Union Councils. Councils were invited to report on one event or current campaign.

46/18 MOTIONS

UNITE SW/001401 Bristol Finance & Legal Branch

“This Council notes that 2019 marks the 60th anniversary of the Cuban Revolution and the 80th anniversary of the formation of the Cuban Trade Union Federation, the CTC.

The Cuba Solidarity Campaign intends to organise appropriate events and initiatives to mark these anniversaries under the banner of ‘Cuba60’, which will be launched through the platform of the national Latin America Conference which will be held at Congress House, London on 1/12/2018. The Campaign will be seeking to work with the trade unions and its affiliated organisations to organise;

** a speaking tour of Young Cuban Trade Unionists in March 2019

**a major Trade Unions for Cuba conference in Britain, involving participation from Cuban Trade Unionists.

**a national celebration event for the 60 th anniversary of the revolution

**the invitation and exchange of delegations between UK and Cuban Trade Unions, the CTC and the TUC, through the course of next year.

Proposed activities in our area include:

- a. A potential visit of Young Cuban Trade Unionists to Bristol, with a reception at Tony Benn House
- b. A summer social event/film showing in Bristol celebrating the anniversary of the Revolution
- c. A contingent to attend to attend the Cuba/TUC conference scheduled for October 2019.

The Bristol Trades Council commits itself to promoting and publicising the above national and local events and working with its members to make them a success”.

Moved by the Unite delegate

Seconded by Simon Crew

Carried Unanimously

BRISTOL WASTE PAY DISPUTE

The Unite Senior Steward at Bristol Waste had been invited to speak however he was unable to do so therefore it was agreed to take the following Motion;

“Bristol Trades Union Council notes the current dispute with refuse workers employed at Bristol Waste and represented by Unite, Unison and GMB.

We note:

- the difficulties faced by workers in carrying out their job and the worsened conditions under which they are working
- the lack of enough vehicles
- the increased use of agency workers
- the disproportionate pay rises given to managers in the company over the last three years
- the failure to provide a realistic pay rise and the increased cost of pensions
- that the workers have already accepted below inflation pay rises as a gesture of goodwill when Bristol Waste was set up

We support the Unions’ pay claim and the refuse workers’ right to a pay rise.

We call on Bristol City Council, the Mayor and local councillors to lobby the board of Bristol Waste and to ensure that the pay claim is met in full.

We therefore resolve;

- to support the refuse workers if industrial action is called and to make a donation towards their hardship fund
- to send copies of this motion to the Mayor, Cabinet Members, Labour Councillors and Regional Officers of Unite, Unison and GMB.”

Moved by Simon Crew

Seconded by a Unite delegate

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Hugh Kirkbride gave a background to the formation of Bristol Waste by the City Council following private companies walking away from the contract due to not making any profits.

47/18 CORRESPONDENCE

1. CONGRESS HOUSE

Trades Councils Conference News Letter
Annual Conference 8-9 June 2019 – Winter Gardens, Weston-Super-Mare

2. SWRTUC

Annual Meeting of Local Trades Union Councils will be held at the Bridgwater Railway Club, The Shack, Wellington Road, Bridgwater, TA6 5HA from 10.30 a.m. – 3.00 p.m. Saturday, 2 March 2019
South West TUC Regional Council and Executive Nominations Annual Conference 2019. UNISON Holiday Centre, Croyde Bay, North Devon from 10.30 a.m. on Friday, 5th April through to 1 p.m. on Saturday, 6th April 2019.

Copies of “West Country Workers” Issue 6

3. Greater Manchester ATUC -

Peterloo 200th. Anniversary 1819-2019 financial appeal

48/18 AOB

CWU Campaign re Closure of Crown Post offices. Agreed to support CWU event on Saturday, 1st. December at the Galleries.

The UCU delegate gave an update on the UCU’s pay and pension campaign. She further reported membership of UCU has increased by 19%.

Meeting closed at 2045