



**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF BRISTOL TRADES UNION  
COUNCIL HELD ON 28<sup>th</sup>. FEBRUARY 2018  
TONY BENN HOUSE, VICTORIA STREET, BRISTOL**

1/ ATTENDANCE:

**Officers:** Hugh Kirkbride, Unite, President, Andy Robertson, RMT, Secretary

**Delegates:** Unite 4, PCS 2, UCU 1, NEU (NUT) 1

2/ APOLOGIES were received from: Unite 1, RMT 1, NEU (NUT) 1, NUJ 1,

3/ Opening Remarks by the President.

Hugh Kirkbride formally opened the meeting, welcomed delegates and gave a report of the impressive UCU March and Rally he had attended with the Secretary.

4/ MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on 22 February 2017 were approved as a correct record.

5/ MATTERS ARISING                      None

6/ APPOINTMENT OF TELLERS/SCRUTINEERS

Due to there being no elections these were not required.

7/ PRESENTATION OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL REPORT, INCLUDING THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND BALANCE SHEET

The Secretary's Report was accepted. The Secretary thanked the Officers and delegates for the support they had given him over the year.

Matters arising from the Report

Grenfell Tower Fire. Hugh reported that the elderly residents of Butler House in St. George were highly concerned regarding their safety and were holding meetings with Councillors and the M.P. Despite being assured by the Council that there was no problem, drones are being used to carry out thermal imaging of the cladding.

Secretary reported that Simon Chapman will be standing down as Vice-President and he wished to record his thanks for Simon's hard work and his representation at the SWRTUC on behalf of Bristol Trades Union Council.

## Financial Report

In the absence of the Treasurer due to illness and speaking to the Financial Report, Andy Robertson again reminded delegates that Affiliations were only just covering expenditure.

Keith Evans, the Auditor, reported he had inspected the documentation and all was in order.

The Financial Report was accepted.

## 8/ ELECTION OF OFFICERS 2018/2019

a. Secretary	Andy Robertson	RMT
b. President	Simon Crew	UNITE
c. Vice President	Hugh Kirkbride	UNITE
d. Treasurer	Les Willett	UNITE
e. Custodian		
f. Auditor	Keith Evans	UNITE
g. Communications	Alex kempshall	UNITE

At this juncture of the proceedings, Simon Crew took over as the newly elected President and thanked Hugh Kirkbride for all of his hard work during his terms of office as the President.

## 9/ ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

### Group

1. RAIL & SHIPPING (2)
2. TRANSPORT (4)
3. ENGINEERING (3)
4. MANUFACTURING (4)
5. DISTRIBUTION (2)
6. PUBLIC SERVICES (4) Roger Thomas
7. COMMUNICATIONS, MEDIA & PRINT (4) Alex Kempshall
8. EDUCATION (3)
9. CLERICAL & FINANCE (4)
10. BUILDING (2)

## 10/ ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO SWTUC REGIONAL COUNCIL

Due to time constraints with deadlines Shelia Caffrey and Simon Crew were nominated at the January meeting.

11/ ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES TO ANNUAL MEETING OF LOCAL TRADES UNION COUNCILS (3 REQUIRED)

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12 TUCJCC South West Representative:

It was agreed to nominate Dave Chapple (Bridgwater Trades Union Council).

13. MOTION

PCS DCLG PINS BRANCH

“This Branch calls on the Bristol TUC AGM to affiliate to the National Shop Stewards Network at a cost of £50 per. Annum”

Roger Thomas moved the motion and in doing so described how this organisation supports disputes and build solidarity within the Trades Union movement. A number of Trade Unions including RMT, PCS and the Bakers are affiliated nationally.

Unite seconded the motion which was unanimously carried.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

1. SWTUC

COPY OF “WEST COUNTRY WORKER”

AGENDA ETC ANNUAL MEETING SW TRADES UNION COUNCILS 2018

2. 2018 AFFILIATION REQUESTS:

- SHREWSBURY 24 CAMPAIGN £25 Agreed
- ACTSA £40 Agreed
- WAR ON WANT £40 noted

3. MARX MEMORIAL LIBRARY

NOTIFICATION OF AGM – 21 APRIL 2018 noted

MARX 200 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE – 5 MAY 2018 noted

15. AOB

(i) Hugh Kirkbride reported on the takeover bid of GKN, the UK's third largest FTSE-100 engineering company – behind BAE Systems and Rolls-Royce. It employs 59,000 staff, with 6,000 in the UK by Melrose, an asset-stripper which break firms up and sells them. Trades Unions fear that many highly skilled jobs in Aerospace and the Automobile Industry will be destroyed by a few corporate vultures plundering a company for short-term profits but long-term disaster.

Agreed to support GKN workers in their campaign to prevent this takeover.

(ii) It was reported that Facility workers employed at Southmead Hospital had fought off plans to privatise their jobs.

(iii) Bristol City Council employees have had their Redundancy pay reduced by 50%. It was agreed to write to the Joint Trade Committee inviting speakers from the 3 main TUs to one of our meetings.

(iv) There are proposals to reduce the Budget in South Gloucestershire by £34 million.

Being no further business meeting closed at 2040 hrs.