



**MINUTES OF BRISTOL TRADES UNION COUNCIL HELD ON
30TH JANUARY 2019
TONY BENN HOUSE**

01/19 ATTENDANCE

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

Delegates PCS (2), Unite (4), UCU (1)

02/19 APOLOGIES

9 delegates gave apologies

03/19 Minutes of meeting held on 19TH. December 2018 were read and agreed as a correct record.

04/19 Matters arising

44/18 Motion - "Municipalisation of the Buses".

Alex Kempshall, Communication Officer reported that he had not posted a petition regarding franchising as we've passed a motion calling for the municipalisation of the buses. His actions were endorsed.

53/18 (i) University of Bristol Court.

A delegate sought information regarding the current size of the Court.

53/18 (ii) CWU Campaign re Closure of Crown Post offices.

Unfortunately, the Post Office in Galleries has now closed and a smaller version has been transferred to Smiths in the Galleries.

53/18 (iii) Housing crisis Campaign.

A delegate reported he had leafleted 180 flats.

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05/19 Reports

(i) City Gathering 11th. January 2019

Secretary reported that he had attended the above held in City Hall. This Gathering comprised of a cross section of representatives from communities, business, finance providers, Universities and the public sector with the main theme being the “One City Plan – A plan for Bristol to 2050” which includes as its main priorities, Connectivity, Economy, Environment, Health and Well Being, Homes and Communities and Learning and Skills.

During the day presentations under the theme Big Offer, Big Ask were given on various subjects including, Period Poverty, Living Wage Foundation, Adoption and fostering, Bristol WORKS, Bristol Energy.

Nigel Costley, Sec. South West TUC gave the presentation on the Living Wage with the Big Ask being that all employers in the City adopt the Living Wage.

Asher Craig, Deputy Mayor of Bristol gave a presentation on the Stepping up Programme – Diversity Leadership Experience.

Marvin Rees, Mayor of Bristol presented the One City Approach and Plan and invited a feed-back from those present. Time was given for approximately 2/3 Questions.

Secretary explained that very little time was given for those involved in the “Big Ask” session with feed- back from the audience only via internet and only for a very limited time between the 5 themes.

Further City Gatherings will be arranged to give updates on the progress of the various Thematic Boards who are working towards the six priorities.

(ii) SWTUC Regional Council

Simon Crew gave a report regarding the above held on 12th. January 2019 which included a Tribute made to Oliver Trevett, former Branch Secretary of the National Union of Agricultural Workers, later part of the T&GWU. He had been involved with the Tolpuddle Martyrs Festival from the 1950s.

Other matters discussed were closure of Appledore Shipyard, Heart Unions Week, Zero Hours Contracts, Brexit update from Claire Moody, MEP, TU Campaign updates from PCS, UCU and NEU.

Arising from the report, activities around Heart Unions Week were discussed and it was agreed we assist and support Trades Union in their activities,

Secretary reminded the meeting that we need to elect our delegates to the Annual Meeting of SW Trades Union Councils and the SWTUC Regional Council plus nomination to the SWRTUC Exec.

The deadline for submitting names to the SWTUC was before our AGM therefore we will need to do this at tonight's meeting.

It was agreed to nominate Simon Crew and Tom Mewies to attend the SW Trades Union Councils' Annual Meeting and Simon Crew to the SWRTUC as first delegate and Tom as 2nd. Delegate. The 2nd delegate is subject to how many vacant seats are available and election at the Trades Council Annual Meeting.

It was further agreed to nominate Simon Crew for one of the 3 seats for Local Trades Union Councils on the Executive. (there are also 2 reserved Women's seats for Trades Union Councils).

06/19 CORRESPONDENCE

1. CONGRESS HOUSE
GENERAL COUNCIL REPORT
HEART UNION WEEK

2. AFFILIATION RENEWAL ACTION FOR SOUTHERN AFRICA (ACTSA) Agreed
3. CUBA S/ WINTER 2018-19

It was reported that a Reception is to be held in Tony Benn House for Cuban Trades Unionists on 18th. March 2019 and it was agreed to support.

4. MARX MEMORIAL & WORKERS' LIBRARY- NOTICE OF AGM SATURDAY, 27 APRIL
5. CND TRADE UNIONS
6. FOSBR – PARTY ON PLATFORM

56/18 AOB

Reported that the National Pensioners Convention (NPC) are organising a "Dignity Day" on 1st. February 2019.

Sheila Caffrey (NEU/NUT) reported that the NUT ceases to exist from 1st. January 2019 and there has been a reorganisation of Branches within the Regions therefore this will be her last meeting as a delegate to Bristol TUC however, she is hoping to be able to attend Bath TUC.

Meeting closed at 2045