



## **MINUTES OF BRISTOL TRADES UNION COUNCIL HELD ON 27<sup>TH</sup>. MARCH TONY BENN HOUSE**

### **08/19 ATTENDANCE**

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

**Delegates** PCS (1), Unite (5) UCU (1) NUJ (1)

**Visitor** Unite (1)

### **09/19 APOLOGIES**

5 delegates gave apologies

**10/19 Minutes of meeting** held on 30<sup>TH</sup>. January 2019 were read and agreed as a correct record.

### **11/19 MATTERS ARISING**

53/18 University of Bristol Court.

A delegate from Unite sought clarification regarding membership numbers of the UOB Court. Simon Crew reported that prior to the changes in composition there were approx 650 members. Following the changes this will be reduced to 70 members.

It would appear that Bristol Trades Union Council may be included in the Category of Organisations and Societies Appointments (20 core plus additional Annual).

These will be drawn from two categories;

- Civic, cultural and community appointments and
- Professional organisations business community and industry and other knowledge-intensive organisations.
- Additional annual members as required by the business of Court

Clarification of the above Category is still awaited.

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

Agreed this Resolution would form the basis of a motion to the 2019 Annual Conference of Trades Union Councils.

## **12/19 REPORTS**

### **(i) International Workers Memorial Day, Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup>. April**

Jim Wheeler, Unite Road Transport and Brendan Kelly, RMT Regional Organiser are confirmed speakers to date. Simon Crew, President to officiate.

It was agreed to seek a Speaker from USDAW regarding their campaign against Violence towards Shopworkers.

**1200 hrs. Assemble at Tony Benn House**

**1230 hrs Rally and Wreath laying in Castle Park by the memorial plaque.**

### **(ii) May Day**

**12.00hrs Assemble at Castle Park (by the Church)**

**12.15 hrs March round Broadmead with the Musicians Union Band**

**13.00 hrs Rally in Castle Park**

Suggested Speakers to include; Brendan Kelly (RMT Regional Organiser), Donna Williams (Unite), Roger Thomas, PCS and others

Leaflets will be produced.

### **(iii) SW Trades Union Councils' Annual Meeting**

Simon Crew and Tom Mewies both elected to as delegates to SWRTUC.

There were a number of new delegates of which 3 did a presentation on their "Journey to Trade Union Activism.

A discussion took place regarding Young Workers and Trade Unionism and building successful Trades Union Councils which included inviting speakers from Trades Unions and mapping of workplaces.

The TUCJCC Representative for the South announced he wished to continue for 3 more years.

**(iv)** A delegate from NUJ reported that The South West TUC has called the creative and culture unions together to coordinate their campaigns around matters such as the level of local arts funding, decent pay and conditions for arts professionals, lobby for arts education and diversity in arts. It is envisaged that a South West Culture Manifesto can be drawn together and hopefully this will encourage recruitment to Trades Unions within the Industry.

(v) Delegates from PCS reported that PCS were balloting 120,000 Civil Service members regarding industrial action in support of a 10% pay increase and gave details of location of meetings taking place to encourage members to support a yes vote.

(vi) A delegate from Unite, reported that he had taken part in the recent Environment Demonstration and was concerned at the heavy handed actions of Security being used at City Hall. He felt that democracy was being stifled.

(vii) A delegate from Unite reported that although Cllr. Paul Smith, BCC Cabinet member for Housing, was engaging with Tenants this was not being done via Area Committees as in the past.

### 13/19 **CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **TUC**

GENERAL COUNCIL REPORT

#### **SWTUC**

LIVING WAGE BRISTOL

FUTURE LEADERS PROGRAMME

CSC 60<sup>TH</sup>. ANNIVERSARY EVENTS – APPEAL

Agreed to donate £50

### 14/19 **AOB**

HONDA SWINDON PLANT RALLY – SATURDAY, 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

As part of the Campaign to stop the proposed closure of Honda's Swindon plant with the loss of 3,500 direct jobs plus thousands of supply jobs it was agreed to support Unite's organised Rally.

Being no further business the Meeting closed at 2045