



MINUTES OF BRISTOL TRADES UNION COUNCIL HELD ON 24TH. APRIL TONY BENN HOUSE

15/19 ATTENDANCE

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

Delegates PCS (1), Unite (6), UCU (1), NUJ (1), USDAW (1)

16/19 APOLOGIES

7 delegates gave apologies.

17/19 Minutes of meeting held on 27TH. March 2019 were read and agreed as a correct record.

18/19 MATTERS ARISING

53/18 University of Bristol Court.

Clarification is still awaited.

14/19 Honda Swindon Plant Rally – Saturday, 30th March

A number of delegates from Bristol and other Trades Union Councils in the Region supported this well attended rally which received wide coverage in the media.

19/19 REPORTS

(i) International Workers Memorial Day, Sunday, 28th. April

Jim Wheelen, Unite Road Transport, Brendan Kelly, RMT Regional Organiser, Kay Timbrell, USDAW are the confirmed. Simon Crew, President to officiate.

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

Speakers will include; Brendan Kelly (RMT Regional Organiser), Steve Turner, Unite AGS, Nicola Bowden-Jones (Kingswood Labour PPC) and Roger Thomas, PCS. Simon Crew, President to officiate.

Leaflets have been produced and both events have been advertised on the Bristol TUC and SWTUC websites.

(iii) SWRTUC Annual Conference 5/6 April 2019 Croyde Bay, Nth. Devon

Tom Mewies, Delegate reported that Simon Crew, Bristol TUC, Richard Capps, Weston and Nth. Somerset TUC and Richard Lee, Bridgwater TUC were elected onto the SWTUC Exec representing Local Trades Union Council.

A number of Motions were carried which included “Menopause in the Workplace” (NEU), “Time for Better Pay” (USDAW), “Bus and Rail Industry” (RMT) and “Grenfell Tower” (FBU) where Tam McFarlane spoke of his Union’s fears that the terms of reference of the Grenfell Tower Inquiry could shut down or delay the real investigation of the underlying cause of the disaster. He was outraged at the focus of blame being put onto the firefighters’ role on the evening of the fire despite the fact that firefighters tore up procedures to go into the Tower to save lives time and time again.

Speakers from the TUC , Free Abdullah Ocalan Campaign and the CPAG regarding the effects of the Introduction of Universal Benefit which was followed by a motion from PCS “Social Security-the case for radical change”.

Dave Chapple, South West TUCJCC Representative gave a Review of the SW Trades Union Councils campaigns etc.

Kev Terry, Unite was re-elected as the Chair of the SWTUC and Hannah David, PCS was elected as the Vice Chair.

Andy Robertson, substitute delegate for Simon Crew, attended on the Saturday session only supplemented Tom’s Report.

In response to the report in relation to Grenfell Tower, Tom Cooke, Unite, said that Cladding and design issues were to blame – not Firefighters.

(iv) Bristol International Airport Consultative Committee.

Hugh Kirkbride reported that he has now attended his last meeting of the Committee on behalf of Bristol Trades Union Council and the South West TUC Executive. His replacement will be Richard Capps, Weston and Nth. Somerset Trades Union Council.

He reported that Access for Disabled people are to be improved, Facial Recognition on a voluntary basis is to be trialed. More A320 neo (new engine option) aircraft are being introduced which are quieter and more fuel efficient.

Hugh further reported that Easy Jet have complained about the lack of maintenance facilities at the airport therefore he urged Easy Jet to support Bristol TUC's recent proposals which called for facilities to be substantially improved.

Following the report questions were raised about improving Transport Services to the airport and environmental concerns due to the expansion of the airport.

20/19 CORRESPONDENCE

TUC

2019 TRADES UNION COUNCILS CONFERENCE - PRELIMINARY AGENDA

Secretary reported that we need to forward the name of our delegate to Congress House before our next meeting in May. Simon Crew and Sue Milestone were nominated. On a show of hands, Simon Crew was elected to attend.

SWTUC

ANNUAL REPORT 2019

LEAFLET RE TOLPUDDLE MARTYRS' FESTIVAL 19 – 21 JULY 2019

It was reported that the Co-op party will be running a bus to the Festival.

BATH TUC MAY DAY AND WORKERS MEMORIAL DAY: SATURDAY APRIL 27TH

CSC- SPRING EDITION OF CUBA S/

NOTIFICATION OF AGM – SATURDAY, 8TH. JUNE, LONDON

21/19 AOB

- (i) Hugh Kirkbride, Unite, reported that a "Big red Quiz) was being held at 1930 hrs in the Nova Scotia on Friday, 3rd. May.
- (ii) A delegate from Unite reported that Marvin Rees has just been nominated as the Labour candidate for Bristol Mayor.
- (iii) A delegate from NUJ, reported that the SWRTUC is supporting a "Boot Camp" event in May.

In closing the meeting the President wished Labour and Co-op Party candidates best wishes in the forthcoming local elections in S. Gloucestershire.

Meeting closed at 2040 hrs.