



**MINUTES OF BRISTOL TRADES UNION COUNCIL HELD ON
29th July 2020
Via Jitsi**

1. ATTENDEES

Simon Crew (President, Acting Secretary - UNITE), Hugh Kirkbride (Vice-President – UNITE) with 8 delegates from Unite, 1 from UCU, 3 from PCS, 1 from USDAW, 1 from NEU, 1 from NUJ and 1 from ASLEF

2. APOLOGIES:

1 from Unite.

Simon welcomed members to the meeting and said what a privilege it had been to be President for the past two and a half years, he would now stand down for the election of officers as previously agreed.

3. Elections

President Sheila Caffrey had received three nominations and was unanimously elected.

Sheila took the Chair.

Secretary Simon Crew had received three nominations and was unanimously elected.

Executive Committee 2 delegates had been nominated by their branches and were declared elected.

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

These were unanimously agreed as a true record.

5. MATTERS ARISING: None

6. REPORTS

Covid-19 – A member from ASLEF gave a report, mentioning discussions with employers, even during lockdown the tube was very busy, however on the rail network there is concern that there is not the rise in passenger numbers expected since lockdown.

Tolpuddle – Simon reported on the virtual festival.

SWTUC Executive – Simon reported the exec had discussed Tolpuddle. The postponed Annual Meeting will be held remotely in October.

National Trades Councils Meeting – A zoom call with Steve Turner and Dave Ward had been held, it was agreed Trades Councils have a vital role to play defending jobs in communities.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Hazards Conference – will be held Saturday on zoom

Trades Councils Annual Report

Banner Theatre – NHS ballad produced

Blackburn Trades Council – Closure of TU Education Centre – agreed to send a message of support.

TUCJCC bulletin

Home Truths Campaign – Members were concerned that there is another campaign rather than supporting Acorn.

UNITE re room booking

8. AOB

A delegate from PCS reported on successful NSSF SW meeting there will be a conference in the new year. A delegate from Unite raised the racist attack in Southmead, members wished the victim a speedy recovery. A member from UCU asked if working class history was going to be taken into account and if there are any union representatives on the Mayors History Commission – the Secretary will investigate. A member from Unite spoke of transport campaigns and the uselessness of the Metro Mayor. Bristol NHS Pay Justice demo 8th August.

Next meeting 30th September