



**MINUTES OF BRISTOL TRADES UNION COUNCIL HELD ON
16th December 2020
Via Zoom**

1. ATTENDEES

Sheila Caffrey (President - NEU), Simon Crew (Secretary - UNITE),

9 delegates from Unite, 3 delegates from PCS, 2 delegates from NUJ, 1 delgate from USDAW.

2. APOLOGIES:

1 from UCU and 3 from UNITE.

The Meeting opened with a silence for the 4 workers killed in Avonmouth.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: Agreed as correct record.

4. MATTERS ARISING: Workers Memorial Day – A UNITE branch had offered funding to upgrade the plaque. Airbus responders won their dispute.

5. REPORTS

Glos Strikes – Sheila reported the Key Workers Summit was good with a turnout of 30, members were encouraged to attend. Ian reported on a planning meeting. Barry Faulkner from UNITE spoke on organizing in covid, the next summit is 21st January with workshops on organizing in covid and rights at work. A delegate from PCS said this is an excellent initiative which we must support.

Unemployed Workers Centre – A delegate from PCS reported that existing centres had been looked at, demo planned for February, Planning meeting 4th January.

SWTUC – Simon Crew reported on the save Union Learn campaign and plans for Tolpuddle. Several delegates opposed plans to charge attendance at Tolpuddle.

University Court – Simon Crew reported on a virtual meeting.

NUJ – A NUJ delegate advised of several employers bullying their staff to work during furlough. Another NUJ delegate reported on threats from extreme right wing groups.
PCS – A delgate from PCS advised the petition for a parliamentary debate was successful but he was shocked that the minister refused to take interventions.

The delegate from USDAW advised on the violence to shop workers petition.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

TUCJCC report

NSSN updates

SWTUC affiliations to be decided January

First responders dispute

7. AOB

A delegate from Unite raised issues on organising in lockdown. EC will discuss speakers.

Next meeting 27th January