



**MINUTES OF BRISTOL TRADES UNION COUNCIL HELD ON  
26<sup>th</sup> May 2021  
Via Zoom**

**1. ATTENDEES**

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

**2. APOLOGIES:**

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

**4. MATTERS ARISING:** None

**5. SPEAKER** Jamie Melrose UCU spoke of precarious jobs. UCU have been fighting this since 2018 strike and set up anti-casualisation campaign, there have been some positives – reduced FTCs- but a long way to go with hourly paid teachers, zero hour contracts and cover contracts not eligible for redundancy or redeployment. Members discussed the issues and thanked Jamie for attending.

**6. REPORTS**

May Day – Sheila reported on a successful, bigger event with more people interested and enthused. Simon reported on issues with the police, journalists, Green Party and Extinction Rebellion, a lot of work but a good event we must build on in the future.

SWTUC – Simon reported EC meeting was mainly regarding motions passed at Annual Conference. Tolpuddle will be online.

Political Situation – members discussed the results of the local elections and how we deal with the Mayor, Metro Mayor and rise of Greens. Next big event will be July 3<sup>rd</sup> national day of action for NHS it was agreed to support this.

**7. Correspondence**

JCC Bulletin – asks Trades Councils to affiliate to People Assembly  
Dave Chappell autobiography  
Trades Councils Conference Agenda

**9. AOB**

Bath Trades Council event, Tom asked when we could meet in person – not in the immediate future something for executive to discuss, Barbara reported a good Palestine demo last Saturday.