



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

**1. ATTENDEES**

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

**2. APOLOGIES:**

Accepted.

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

**4. MATTERS ARISING:** None

**5. SPEAKER** Nick Ireland, USDAW Regional Secretary spoke on their work especially regarding covid, the abuse members face and the Respect for Shopworkers Campaign. Tom C asked the triggers for violence – Nick advised a survey said 1. Enforcing social distancing (24%), 2. Queueing to get in store, before covid it was age restricted sales (now 6%). Other questions and points included the impact of automation and HSE cuts. Members thanked Nick for his contribution. Nick thanked Trades Councils for all their support.

**6. REPORTS**

Trades Councils Conference – Sheila spoke to her written report suggesting things other Trades Councils are doing that we could do, Executive will discuss further.

Unemployed Workers Centre – Roger reported it will be set up as a Community benefit Society and a demo is planned for October.

SWTUC – Simon reported Tolpuddle weekend will include a demo at the Drax Estates in Dorset and Barbados. Regional Secretaries had met with Dan Norris but we were not invited, Daryl advised NPC GAS had no response from Dan, Brendan offered to write to him.

St Mungo's – Mike reported on a picket.

NSSN Conference – Roger reported on various speakers, discussion on freeports and transport.

NHS Day of Action Saturday – members asked who was organising this as it didn't appear to be unions but agreed to support and provide a speaker.

Key Workers Summit – Sheila, Simon and Keith reported on planning meetings.

## **7. Correspondence**

UNITE Community Branch re NHS

SWTUC News

NEU Press Release

NSSN

Banner Theatre "*A Lament for Matt Hancock*"

## **9. AOB**

Tom asked about meeting in person, EC will review for the autumn.