



**MINUTES OF BRISTOL TRADES UNION COUNCIL HELD ON
28th July 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 Richard Capps (Trade Union representative on the Bristol Airport Consultative Committee) said the committee was set up in 1982 under the Civil Aviation Act, has no powers but has various attendees and feisty meetings. Richard spoke on the proposed airport expansion and the difficulty for unions between supporting more jobs and supporting the Climate Change movement. UNITE and GMB had come out clearly for the expansion. Weston Trades Council and the SWTUCEC were split down the middle. Members discussed the situation and the need for green jobs and thanked Richard for his presentation.

6. REPORTS

Key Workers Summit – Sheila, Roger, Keith and Alex reported on a successful event.

Unemployed Workers Centre – Roger reported nothing to add since last month but there is a planning meeting tomorrow.

NHS Day of Action – Sheila reported it was a good event but noticeably did not have the backing of big branches.

Tolpuddle – Members reported on the online event and Drax demo.

NSSN Freeports meeting – Members need to be aware of the Freeports situation.

DVLA dispute – Roger advised a deal between unions and management had been rejected by the government.

GMB Wessex Water – Chris reported the police enquiry is ongoing, there are concerns the HSE has not taken samples, representations made to demolish the site, he is in touch with Hilda Palmer from FACK and will pressure the HSE.

Clean Air Zone – Simon NUJ raised the proposed Clean Air Zone which has an exemption for those earning less than £24,000PA and £12.45 per hour. Some workers such as freelance photographers and supply teachers may earn more than £12.45 but less than £24k. Hugh said other issues such as city centre cultural activity need to be considered. It was agreed we would ask branches about this.

7. Correspondence

Trades Councils Delegate to Congress – Hugh proposed Bob Jeffrey which was agreed 9 votes for, 1 abstention.

9. AOB

Sheila will post items on our Facebook page.