



**MINUTES OF BRISTOL TRADES UNION COUNCIL HELD ON
27th October 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: Barbara advised the Cry of the Poor leaflet should be available next week. Copies will be given to the Trades Council, it will be good to have a review for the website.

5. SPEAKERS Amy (Youth fight for jobs national steering committee) spoke of YFJ having 7 national unions affiliated and its campaigning. Tim (Bristol Unemployed Workers Movement) spoke of working to set up a centre, the Trades Council has supported this from the beginning, members were encouraged to attend the demo on Saturday and invite Tim to speak at their branches. Members discussed the unemployment / underemployment situation and asked questions to Amy and Tim. Roger proposed a donation of £100 to each organisation which was seconded by Tom and carried. As the UWC is being set up as a Community Benefit Society, Mike asked that the Trades Council be listed as a founding member.

6. REPORTS

EC – Had met but it was a short meeting and all items are elsewhere on the agenda.

SWTUC –Main discussion was on a Workers Charter, Dan Norris spoke and is keen to meet with us. We were the only Trades Council to give a report. Motion on Cop26 was passed. Community spoke on Clarks.

Clarks Picket – Roger advised this was successful and proposed a £50 donation to the Clarks Strike Fund which was agreed. Members will support further actions in this all out strike. Invite Clarks Strikers to the next meeting.

NPC – Keith advised on Transport he had written to Dan Norris, Marvin Rees and the Green Party and only Marvin’s office had replied.

7. MOTION

Carried over from last month the motion to affiliate to YFJ was carried.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

NPC, NSSN, Cop26 Coalition updates

9. AOB

Members were urged to attend the COP26 protest on November 6th, volunteers for stewards were requested.

Sue congratulated Simon on proposing a successful motion at the UNITE policy conference to support Trades Councils.

Sheila reported Facebook post had reached 866 people.

Benefit for Clarks workers Bridgewater Friday.