



**MINUTES OF BRISTOL TRADES UNION COUNCIL HELD ON
24th November 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 is published and the Bristol Radical History Group kindly provided enough copies for each branch. Keith volunteered to write the review which was agreed. Simon raised previous months item of the Clean Air Zone charge, after discussion it was agreed that Mike would put a document together encompassing our views.

5. SPEAKER: Unfortunately the speaker regarding the Clarks dispute was unavailable, they are currently in ACAS discussions. Roger reported on a hugely successful demonstration to support the workers. Members reiterated their strong support for the Clarks workers and agreed to demonstrate outside Clarks shops in Bristol – the Secretary to contact Community to see if they agree to this approach.

6. REPORTS

UWM Demo – Was small and clashed with 2 other demos in the same venue although a good event. Weather was poor so kept people away, need to build for the next event.

COP26 – Simon thanked everyone who attended especially those who were stewards or speakers. It was a great event with a strong turnout although the Trade Union turnout could have been bigger. The route was very strange and marches should not go up Union Street. Bristol COP26 Coalition had written regarding a meeting on next steps – it was agreed the Secretary would attend on our behalf. It was suggested Heart Unions Week could be used for future events.

NPC – Keith advised NPC discussed pensions and has sent a written report.

UCU strike next week – picket Priory Road 8:30am – Roger and Barbara to attend with the banner.

7. MOTION

Executive Motion : Following the successful COP26 protest, this council agrees to form a sub-committee to discuss the way forward, circulating branches for interested members, and to elect a Climate Officer at the AGM.

Moved by Mike and seconded by Roger, unanimously agreed.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

SW Trades Councils AGM 26th February via Zoom

TUC Registration & Conference briefing 1

NSSN updates

NPC updates

Banner Theatre – Biggest strike in History won, Indian Farmers

9. AOB

Darryl advised Dan Norris had spoken to F&BS CLP and it was an interesting meeting. Barbara reported petitions for public toilets. Housing motion received today – agreed to ask UNITE Housing branch to speak at our next meeting. December meeting – it was agreed to have a December meeting different dates were suggested, members voted 10 votes to 9 for 22nd December.