



**MINUTES OF BRISTOL TRADES UNION COUNCIL HELD ON
26th January 2022
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: Clean Air Zone – Members discussed how to approach the council, it was agreed Simon would put something together which would be circulated. Referendum – Next executive to discuss a statement, Anita said there had been a successful meeting in Ashley every party had attended except Labour. SWTUC pensioners – Sheila raised at SWTUC.

5. ELECTIONS: SW Trades Councils Annual Meeting: Keith nominated Simon Crew, Roger nominated Sheila, Sheila nominated Roger, Simon nominated Anita. Resolved that the delegation is Simon Crew, Sheila Caffrey, Roger and Anita .

Regional Council: Sheila nominated Simon Crew who was unanimously elected.

Reserve: Roger nominated Sheila who was unanimously agreed. **SWTUC EC:** Sheila nominated Simon Crew who was unanimously elected. There was no nomination for the reserved womens seat.

6. MOTION

Simon NUJ moved a motion which was seconded by Anita, Mike moved an amendment which was accepted the below amended motion was unanimously agreed.

“This council condemns the Conservative government's draconian attack on BBC finances.

This is an attack on the BBC designed to shore up a desperate Prime Minister and dumb down the media.

We condemn the government's unilateral move to undermine our public service broadcaster and impose financial constraints likely to lead to job cuts and severely damage the breadth and quality of BBC output. This will hurt the corporation's independence and standing as a world-class broadcaster and its broad contribution to the UK's economy, cultural life and democracy.

We offer full support to any action by union members at the BBC in resisting any cuts proposed as result of the move to freeze the licence fee for the next two years.

We would oppose any use of the BBC editorial code to censor or limit action by NUJ members and affirm the union's commitment to protect members' right to act collectively to defend pay, conditions and to protect their rights to freedom of expression.”

7. REPORTS

NUJ – Delegates reported on Channel 4 it was agreed that the Secretary would sign a letter to Nadine Dorries organised by weownit on our behalf.

UNITE – Simon reported on a possible strike ballot at Allianz.

NEU – Sheila reported on the strike at Gordano School.

SWTUC – Shelly Asquith was guest speaker.

Climate Coalition – Simon reported that the Bristol Coalition had met, may link in an action with May Day. Simon (NUJ) said the Bristol NUJ branch congratulated the Trades Council for the role we played in the Climate March.

Mayors Inclusive Cities Stakeholder Meeting – Our delegate was not sent the login details.

UWM – Tim reported he had spoken to ASLEF, RMT, UNITE Finance & Legal, UNITE Youth Committee and Brett Sparkes.

150th Anniversary – Agreed to elect a sub-committee at the AGM.

Bristol City Council cuts to facility time, agreed to support the lobby on 15th February.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

NSSN updates
NPC updates

Acorn public toilets campaign – it was agreed to sign the letter and publicise.
TUCJCC bulletin

2022 Affiliations – members asked to make sure that their branches affiliate in time for the AGM.

9. AOB

Daryll raised the TV licenses for the over 75s campaign.

Next meeting the AGM 23rd February.