



## Bringing Workers Together

**Minutes of the Trades Council meeting held on  
16 February 2011 at 7:30pm.**

**Location: CVS Offices, Guild Hall Precinct, Preston.**

**Delegates present:**

Lynne Wallace (LW), Andy O'Donnell (AO) Dave Rochester (DR) Derek Barton (DB) Gavin Hartley (GH) Glyne Greenidge (GG) Ian Leeming (IL), Matthew Brown (MB), Phil Crowe (PC) Sarah Robinson (SR) Darryl Fryer (DF), B Hill (BH), Les Parker (LP), Mike Deliso (MD), Bill Etherington (BE), Dave Knowles (DK)

**Guests/observers present:**

Mick Mulcahy (MM).

**Apologies for absence given:**

Andrew Wheatley, (AW) Dave Wilson (DW), David Savage (DS), John Pearson (JP) Patrick Coyne (PC) Philip Thomas (PT) Janet Newsham (JN) Ian McGill (IM) Michael Parkinson (MP) Shaun Cairns (SC), Amjad Ismail (AI) Helen Mamwell Holmes, (HH), Stephen Smith (SS), Heather Park (HP) Carl Crompton (CC ), Paddy Magill (PM) Steve Radcliffe (SR) Polly Haigh (PH), Andy Birchall (AB), Dave Rochester (DR), Jim Leigh (JL), Terry Bayes (TB), Steve Flynn (SF),

**Presidents Remarks**

DB opened the meeting with his observations. He commented on his concerns of inflation going up and wages going down and the poorer getting poorer Unemployment rising and things getting even worse

**Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed.

**Matters arising**

**PAC Banner**

The £200 advance given to LW and £150 has been used to purchase a PAC banner, Hi-vis Jackets and batteries for the loudspeakers. LW will send the receipts to PC. It was agreed to give another £200 advance to LW for PAC

**Treasures Report**

PC gave a verbal treasures report which showed we still had a healthy balance despite recent expenditure.

**Secretaries Report**

DF is training as assistant secretary. LW reminded delegates to get branches to send in there affiliation fees. Lynne welcomed a new delegate MD from Equity. LW stated communications are going well

## Organising Committee Report

### Preston Against Cuts

DB congratulated those who had organised Saturday's event a number of people agreed it had gone very well. Concern was expressed over the lack of participation from Unison. It was agreed to try and get Unison more involved possibly leafleting members directly. Some concern was expressed over the route of the march on Saturday saying they were disappointed the march did not walk down the main street in Preston. LW stated there had been problems with the police and County Council. Agreed that we should contact the police to see how much notice was required to allow a march down Fishergate and to remind the Police that local People have a right to march under European Human Rights.

Reminder of a Rally outside Lancashire County Council Building at 12.00 tomorrow. And a meeting next Thursday the 24<sup>th</sup> February 2011 at St Georges Hall Blackburn.

Lancashire Coalition against the cuts Rally on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2011 at 53 Degrees Students Union in Brook Street, Preston

Other dates were discussed for protests it was agreed to take these dates to the next PAC organising Meeting on the 23 February 2011.

LP suggested to organise Employees in a work to rule or some form of industrial action on a county or national basis. LW confirmed the Trades Council has its own identity separate to PAC and for delegates to write to their branch secretaries regarding any industrial action.

**LP suggested an emergency motion should be sent to the LATUC to "Call a meeting of all the trades councils in Lancashire to organize and Co-ordinate industrial action against the cuts in public expenditure" Proposed and seconded by the meeting**

**Action Point 1 LW to forward motion to LATUC**

### TU Education

LW advised that courses are up and running at the CVS. All delegates were reminded the importance of supporting the Preston TU education program.

### Workers Memorial Day

LW gave an update. The flag market had been booked for 30 April 2011. Meadow Street Labour club was also booked for after the event. Donations were being sought from branches. LW reminded delegates that P&SRTC have been involved in WMD since 1996

## **Preston Guild**

There was no further information regarding preparations for the Guild.

## **March for the Alternative Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2011**

Transport to the march is proving a problem. Most of the trains chartered are full. The NUT have some tickets available for £40.00 If anybody finds any more information out let LW have the details. LW to forward the Email from the NUT to GG as they may be interested in buying the spare tickets. LW said she would consider booking a bus for P&SRTC

**Action Point 2 LW to look into booking a bus**

## **Workplace Reports**

**Reports received sent out electronically.**

## **Correspondence**

**Sent via email or made available at the meeting.** DB asked if a pack of hard copy information could be sent to people who haven't got email BE who is a registered blind person was concerned about getting information as he has no Email address. SR expressed the P&SRTC concerns to include all delegates and it was agreed that DB would print off E-mails he thinks are relevant and pass them to BE

**Action Point 3 DB to print off and send BE relevant Emails**

## **Any other business**

**Dates and times of next meetings** 7.30pm Wed 16 March 2011

**Venue of meetings** CVS office, Guild Hall, Preston

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