



## Bringing Workers Together

**Minutes of the Trades Council meeting held on  
16 June 2010 at 7:30pm.**

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

**Delegates present:**

Lynne Wallace (LW), Derek Barton (DB), Dave Rochester (DR) Glyne Greenidge (GG) Ian Leeming (IL) John Pearson (JP) Michael Parkinson (MP)

**Guests/observers present:**

Mick Mulcahy

**Apologies for absence given:**

Dave Wilson (DW), Matthew Brown (MB), Andy O'Donnell (AO), Shaun Cairns (SC), Amjad Ismail (AI) Helen Mamwell Holmes, (HH) David Savage (DS), Phil Crowe (PC), Carl Crompton (CC), (SR), Gavin Hartley (GH) Sarah Robinson (SR), Terry Mattinson (TM), Patrick Coyne (PC) Janet Newsham (JN) James Sorah (JS), Terry Bayes (TB), Andy Birchall (AB), Stephen Smith (SS) Steve Radcliffe (SR), Darryl Fryer (DF),

**Presidents Remarks**

DB opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. DB spoke on the bullying of union members related to the BA dispute. He went on to address concerns on the cuts affecting pensions, benefits, jobs and public services and the importance of union branches joining Trade Councils as we are all being attacked and we need to join our efforts in response to the attacks on trade unionists, services and job cuts. He went on to state the importance of the TUC drawing together the different unions and the need to organise. He informed that UNITE were already organising for the Tory Conference.

**Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting were not agreed as the only person present at the last meeting was the secretary. It was agreed to carry over the minute agreement to the next meeting.

**Matters arising**

No matters arising from last minutes

**Secretaries Report**

**Affiliation Update**

LW gave an update on branches now affiliated to P&SRTC. LW reminded everyone the importance of completing the affiliation forms and returning them as ASAP.

## Organising Report

### Public meeting

LW gave an update on the Defending Public Services public meeting being held on the 23 June by P&SRTC and requested all to publicise and attend the event.

### TU Education Unit

LW gave a update on the situation regarding the campaigning to save TU education provision in Preston. She gave an overview of the support the P&SRTC had given to the campaign and reminded what individual branches could do in support. This included writing to the principle and the governor.

## Treasures Report

None provided

## Workplace Reports

### Right to Work Campaign

MM gave information on the Right To Work campaign and request that the P&SRTC fully support the campaign and become involved in the national demonstrations and protests around 22/23 October.

MM suggested P&SRTC take part in protests at the Tory conference in Birmingham on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October and the Liberal Conference. It was agreed to put the Right to Work as an agenda item in July's meeting and try and invite a guest speaker. It was noted that PCS was already nationally affiliated to the Right to Work campaign.

**AP1 LW to put the Right to Work as an agenda item for July's meeting.**

**AP2 MM to organize a guest speaker on Right to Work**

### CWU BT pay dispute

MP reported on the BT pay dispute on which members were being balloted. The results were expected 2 weeks on Friday. MP went on to highlight the contradiction of top earners on bonuses against others facing redundancy. Between 500 and 600 people were affected.

### UNITE future of Euro fighter concern

IL raised concerns over the defense budget cuts and the impact this may have on the Euro fighter and the related jobs. Approximately 3,00,00 jobs are dependent on the Euro fighter.

### PCS Hewlett Packard (HP)

JP informed that the HP site at Fulwood was being closed and moved to Lytham. The rational behind this appeared to be cheaper accommodation. 400 people are affected. Negotiations are ongoing.

### PCS Civil Service Compensation Scheme (redundancy terms) dispute

LW gave an update following PCS's victory in the judicial review following the governments illegal changing of civil servants redundancy terms and conditions. Concern was raised that despite the legal ruling there was no real evidence the new government were

willing to return to the negotiating table to discuss the terms of the civil service compensation scheme.

**UNITE Policy Conference.**

DB informed of the UNITE policy conference regarding rule changing. He reported the teething problems since the merger appeared to be sorting out.

**Speakers**

NONE

**Correspondence**

To be sent via email

**Any other business**

**Pensioners Campaign**

DB gave an update on the National Pensions Convention last week.

**Dates and times of next meetings**

7.30pm	Wed	21 July
7.30pm	Wed	18 August
7.30pm	Wed	15 September
7.30pm	Wed	20 October
7.30pm	Wed	17 November

**Venue of meetings**

CVS office, Guild Hall, Preston

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