



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

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

**Delegates present:**

Bringing Workers Together

Lynne Wallace (LW), Andy O'Donnell (AO) Derek Barton (DB) Gavin Hartley (GH) Glyne Greenidge (GG) Ian Leeming (IL), Jim Leigh (JL) Matthew Brown (MB), Phil Crowe (PC) Sarah Robinson (SR) Terry Bayes (TB), Steve Flynn (SF), Darryl Fryer (DF), Janet Newsham (JN), Les Parker (LP) Sarah Robinson (SR), Steven Smith (SS) Terry Matinson (TM), Martin RawlInson (MR), Mike Delisio (MD).

**Guests/observers present:**

Micheal Lavalette (ML).

**Apologies for absence given:**

Andrew Wheatley, (AW) Dave Wilson (DW), David Savage (DS), John Pearson (JP) Patrick Coyne (PC) Philip Thomas (PT) 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)

**Presidents Remarks**

TB opened the meeting with his observations. He was very pleased to see so many delegates from numerous unions present this evening. He commented on the tragic events in Japan. The thousand of UK youngsters not given a chance in life and the need for a right to work for people to have pride in themselves. He thanked LW for all her hard work for making arrangements for the Bus for the March for the Alternative in London

**Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed.

**Treasures Report**

PC gave a verbal treasures report which showed we still had a healthy balance despite recent expenditure. Recent expenses included a float of £200 to the secretary (LW) Council for Voluntary Services office £180.00. PC has sent the paperwork to the bank to add signatories to the Bank account.

**AP1 LW to provide names of auditors agreed at AGM**

**Secretaries Report**

**Action Point Log**

Thanked (DF) for his help. We now have 16,000 affiliated members one of the best supported Trades councils in the North West Reminded delegates to get any outstanding affiliation fees to her as soon as possible.

## Organising Committee Report

### Preston Against Cuts

Leaflet distribution had taken place outside Preston Guild Hall the previous Saturday evening to highlight to visitors the cuts being made to facilities. PC stated cuts had to be made to stave off redundancies discussed the effects the cuts will have on the economy of Preston. SR stated cuts aren't necessary there should be a budget for what people actually need not cuts for cuts sake. More leafleting will take place on Friday at the Lord Mayors Ball. PC stated he did not think it was suitable for PAC to be picketing at the Lord Mayors Ball. LW stated the protest were to create awareness with users of the Guild Hall not about picketing the events.

The Trades council coach going to The London March is full. LW reminded delegates there is a Lancashire Coalition Against the Cuts public meeting on Saturday the 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2011 at the Student Union Venue 53 degrees.

LW stated PAC has been getting good publicity on The Lancashire Evening Post website concerning the logo generated some debate and got some new members. Suggested having a meeting just about PAC so we have time to discuss things properly. LW will email all delegates with dates and times of the PAC meetings next meeting is on the 23 March at 7.00 at the CVS offices.

**AP2 LW to email all delegates with dates and times of the PAC meetings**

### Preston Guild 2012

Floats are now available to order. Suggested national Unions will sign up for floats and try and get TU Secretaries to attend. Preston Guild is a showcase for Trade Unions and there long history in Preston

### TU Education

JN confirmed three courses are running at present. One is taking place in Preston Minster Venues for courses are a problem. They are trying to rent office space from the Council for Voluntary services hopefully Manchester College will pay the rent. TB prevailed on delegates to publicise the courses to keep it running in Preston.

### Website

AO Has been updated, it now has details about TU education and Workers Memorial Day. It also contains details of the cuts in cuts watch all contributions to this are welcome.

### Workers Memorial Day

The last meeting was two weeks ago. The speakers have been arranged the General Secretary of the Bakers Union Pete Middleham is attending and Hilda Palmer from Hazards.

The Preston committee is working with Chorley's committee and trying to get Blackpool and Blackburn to join in. This year attendees will be putting a flower on the memorial not releasing birds. Next

meeting is the 29<sup>th</sup> March 2011. It was agreed that musicians should be checked for membership of equity or the musicians union. It was agreed the Trades Council will pay £25.00 for a wreaf. Any individual Unions who wish to pay for a reef should contact JN for details. LW asked for a donation from the Trades council of £150 towards the WMD which was moved seconded and agreed

## **Workplace Reports**

**Reports received sent out electronically.**

## **Correspondence**

**Sent via email or made available at the meeting.**

## **Any other business**

LP stated craft workers being balloted in Lancashire their wages have been cut by imposition LP stated unity was needed to resist this attack on working people reported that UNITE were restructuring branches and moving to work place branch structures.

SR Mentioned a festival at the continental pub over Easter and the possibility of having a PAC stall at the event.

Equity members losing 60-70% of wages due to recession, cuts having a devastating effect on members. Asked all to make sure if having an event involving musicians to make sure they are union members

BAE are losing 642 jobs at there Wharton and Samlesbury sites

DVLA office in Fulwood are making redundancies

Forensic facilities at Chorley are being closed concerns were expressed at the skills lost and the damage it will do to the Justice system.

DB mentioned last year we affiliated to the British Pensioner Convention and the National Pensioner Convention. GH moved and agreed and accepted we give £50 to both organizations

**AP3 PC to provide £50.00 cheques for NPC and BPC**

**Dates and times of next meetings** Wed 20<sup>th</sup> April 2011 7.30pm

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

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