



## Bringing Workers Together

**Minutes of the Trades Council meeting held on  
19 October 2011 at 7:00pm.**

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

**Delegates present:**

Terry Bayes (TB), Lynne Wallace (LW), Jim Leigh (JL), Dave Rochester (DR) Sarah Robinson (SR), Darryl Fryer (DF), Brenda Gibbons (BG)

**Guests/observers present:**

**Apologies for absence given:**

Andrew Wheatley, (AW) Derek Barton (DB), David Savage (DS), Gavin Hartley (GH) Andy O'Donnell (AO) John Pearson (JP) Patrick Coyne (PC) Philip Thomas (PT) Janet Newsham (JN) Ian McGill (IM) Bill Etherington (BE) Mike Deliso (MD), Les Parker (LP), Michael Parkinson (MP) Shaun Cairns (SC), Amjad Ismail (AI), Stephen Smith (SS), Heather Park (HP) Carl Crompton (CC ), Paddy Magill (PM) Steve Radcliffe (SR) Polly Haigh (PH), Andy Birchall (AB), Dave Rochester (DR), Steve Flynn (SF), Mick Mulcahy (MM). Phillipa Hall (PH) Chris Lomax (CL) Glyne Greenidge (GG) Ian Leeming (IL), Matthew Brown (MB), Phil Crowe (PC)

**Presidents Remarks**

TB opened the meeting with his observations. He welcomed Brenda Gibbons from the UCU retired section to the meeting. He was particularly concerned at the greed of corporations and their influence in the House of Commons. He was concerned over the privatisation of the NHS. Terry said he has been in touch with the GMB and he is confident they will be affiliating with the Trades Council very soon.

**Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed and seconded

**Matters arising** LW hasn't heard anything from the TUC regarding the bid to get a £300 grant for promotional items for the trade's council. No update from the bid for funds for the Preston Guild. We have heard nothing from Remploy regarding help how we can help them. The cheque to Spinwatch has been sent. (SR) & (JL) commented on the March for the Alternative on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2011. Approximately 35,000 people attended the event, with no trouble and SR commented what a great event it was and the fact it was good to see families attending the event together and (JL) commented how glad he was to see families from British Aerospace fighting for their jobs.

## Treasurers Report

PC not present but LW said any small expenses she would pay out of her float LW needs a receipt before any payments are made.

## Secretaries Report

Three more branches have affiliated since the last meeting and sent there affiliation fees. 27 Branches have affiliated. Reminders to Unions who haven't paid there affiliation fees for 2011 are going to be sent

## Organising Committee Report

### Preston Against Cuts

No Update

### TU Education

LW has been chasing up outstanding monies from Manchester college they have apologised for there lateness but have had some admin problems. Three courses are running at the moment

### Workers Memorial Day

No update

### Guild

JL has written to unions asking them if they want to contribute as an affiliate of the Trades council or on there own and to check what individual unions are doing to avoid duplication.

The Idea of a depiction of the, four workers being shot and killed by the military during the General Strike of 1842 and Unions struggles through the ages also the battles won by trades Unions in bringing equality to workers was suggested. It was agreed all the ideas should be brought up at the next meeting of the Guild sub-committee. It was agreed to capture ideas for the Guild and for all delegates to be given the opportunity to contribute to the plans.

It was thought we will know what we can afford when the application for funds is decided.

JL will send SR information about the preparations for the Guild. There was a discussion over whether the Trades Council would have to pay the fees required by the Guild committee it was agreed we should get clarification from the Guild organizers and ask someone to attend a Trades Council meeting TB and JL will contact the Preston City council and arrange this.

AO is coming up with ideas for the Banner and JL & DR contributed a draft poster to help with ideas

**November 30<sup>th</sup>** day of action meetings of the subcommittee have taken place. The flag market has been booked and a march from Avenham park to the flag market is being planned. UCU have been designated as the lead union in Preston and have been attending the meetings of the sub committee. The sub committees are arranging a PA system, a flat bed lorry for the speakers and a Jazz Band. Unions have been asked to leaflet Preston Town centre on the Saturdays leading up to the 30<sup>th</sup>. Some delegates were concerned that restrictions have been put in place to prevent leafleting in Preston TB will contact Preston City Council and see if this is the case. It was agreed that UCU as the lead Union should be making arrangements for the day and the TUC should pay for the expenses for the day. Lynne has met with the new president of the SU at UCLAN and they are putting a motion forward at there next meeting to support the event.

## **Workplace Reports**

**Reports received sent out electronically.**

## **Correspondence**

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

## **Any other business**

The meeting room at Council for voluntary services is now unavailable after 8.00 pm. We have been offered an alternative at Princes Central Building on Lancaster Road. The entrance is actually round the corner on Lord Street adjacent to the Guild Hall. TB will make some enquiries to check its suitable all being well next meeting will be there

TU solidarity magazine has been sent for us to have a look at and possibly subscribe to it. We will discuss it at the next meeting.

TB attended a meeting in Preston Town Hall hosted by counselor Matt Brown, Matt is promoting ideas concerning a living wage being paid in Preston, a credit union for workers, building council houses, & more workers co-operatives. TB pointed out we are missing delegates from the Trades Council who are members of the Labour party.

**Dates and times of next meetings** 7.00pm Wed 16 November 2011

**Venue of meetings** Princes Central Building, Lancaster Road, Preston. The entrance is actually round the corner on Lord Street adjacent to the Guild Hall. Preston

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