

YEOVIL & DISTRICT TRADES UNION COUNCIL



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Minutes of the Meeting held Wednesday 16th June 2010 at Unity Hall Yeovil BA20 1JL

Present: Dave Osborne, Unite/Amicus; Vivian Willis, Unite/Amicus; Brian Wadsworth, Unite/Amicus; ; Bill Byrd, Unite/Amicus; David Kingdon, Unite/Amicus; Dave Symington, Unite/TGWU; Lee Skevington GMG, (Visitor) Ken Keable, Prospect (Visitor); John Burbidge, Unite/TGWU (Visitor); Andy Wilkins, Unite/TGWU (Visitor) and Jim Tompson, NUT (Visitor); Ali Chown, NUT (Visitor) and BJ Burliegh? Unite, (Visitor).

1. Apologies: Brian Macrae, Unite/Amicus; Mark Hoskins, PCS; Joe Conway, Unite (President) & Andy Dowland, Unison (Health).

Having accepted the absence of our President, Joe Conway, the meeting agreed that brother Bill Byrd Chaired the meeting; and gave a warm welcome to new visitors.

2. Minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted as a correct and true record.

3. Matters arising: under item 5, Officers report – Vice-Presidents report ref. resolution “We (Yeovil & District Trades Union Council) agree in principle to campaign locally against cuts in public services and jobs” that a jointly organised public meeting with Somerset Socialist Party on the topic of “cuts” will be held at Unity Hall, Central Road, Yeovil BA20 1JL. Thursday 24th June 2010 @ 19:30hrs. Guest speaker will be Deputy GS of PCS, John Macinally, Jim Tompson of the Socialist Party and Viv Willis for Yeovil TUC.

4. Tolpuddle Event: at the moment, details regarding transport are provisional. However, Unite/TGWU Region are running a coach from North Devon. Anyone wishing to book seats please contact Joe Conway. This will be on a first come- first served basis.

5. Officers reports: President no report. The **Secretary** reported that he attended the AGM of the Yeovil Labour Institute Society. That the last year for the YLIS was a good one, and it was decided to appoint an accountant from Castle Canary, given that his quotation was less than 50% of the previous one. Viv Willis was voted on the committee. The meeting agreed to give us the bottom half of one of the notice boards in the foyer; however, it was noted there will be problems with getting a key or getting someone to open it as and when required. The **Treasurer** reported that Dave Kingdon returned the cheque for £12 affiliation to the SWTUC Annual Pensioners Conference, as he was unable to attend it. The current account stands at £1134:71 in credit. The next SWTUC Regional Council will be held on Saturday 3rd July 2010.

6. Local matters: as secretary’s report – ref. Public meeting against LIB-CON cuts: that the Peoples Charter <http://www.thepeoplescharter.com> should be a crucial component on the campaign. The campaign is not only about job cuts but a wider community one of the adverse affects this would have on the users of public services and vulnerable people. Given that Conservative controlled SCC has already announced a Council Tax “freeze” this is expected to be announced in the forth coming budget next Tuesday 22nd June, and the possible sale of what is left of SCC tenant farms. A leaflet to promote the event is available.

7. Press release: a press release giving the details of the Public meeting against the LIB-CON cuts as outlined in item 3. Matters arising.

8. Correspondence: from the South West TUC, “South West Migrant workers action plan 2010-12. In the forward given by Nigel Costly – Chair of the South West Forum for Migrant worker he highlights “...make a net fiscal contribution by putting more into the public exchequer through taxes than they take out in benefits and public services.”

9. Any other business: The meeting agreed we affiliate to the National Shop Stewards Network, £20.

Local Liberal Democrat MP, David Laws has been invited to speak at the September 2nd meeting of the 50+ Forum at The South Street Centre.

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