

COMMUNICATION WORKERS UNION

LONDON REGIONAL COMMITTEE

Minutes of the London Regional Committee Meeting held on Friday, 27 October, 2006 Community, Swinton House, Grays Inn Road, WC1

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1. ADOPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

Agreed

2. ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES

Attendance:

John Denton (Secretary), Steve Bury (Chair), (North East London), (West London), (Mount Pleasant International), (Croydon & South London), (London Postal Engineering), (London RMT), (London South West Thames), (London West End Amal), (London South West), (City & NE London Clerical), (Central London), (London City West), (London South East), (Northern Home Counties Postal)

Apologies:

Alan Kingett, John Porter, Denis Shea (all North East London), Fred Jepson (Retired Members Council Secretary), Steve Browett (Croydon & South London), Stephen Howlett (London Postal Engineering), Keith Oram, Mac Chilvers (both London South West Thames), Steve Doherty (City & NE London Clerical), Jim Kirwan (Northern/North West London), Nick Darbyshire, Pav Alam (both London City West), Steve Granville (London South East), Tom Walker (Northern Home Counties Postal), Martin Walsh (London South West), Kate Booker (London South Central Clerical), Simon Crisford (Union Learning), Marcia Ewen (North West London), John Gaby (NW C&CS), Steve Jones (NEC), Pat Clouder (Croydon & South London).

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS & MATTERS ARISING

Meeting held on 4th August, 2006 – **Agreed**

Matters Arising – None

4. GUEST SPEAKERS – Jeannie Drake DGST – gave a presentation on the key recommendations of the Pension Commission, the Government’s proposals for pension reform in the current white paper and the TUC response to these.

It was agreed to circulate copies of the slides.

Fevzi Hussein – Equality Opps Department – gave a presentation on the Age Discrimination Regulations. He also gave out copies of the CWU’s rough guide to Age Discrimination and Young People. He told us the booklet on black recruitment would not be ready until February. It was agreed to circulate the presentation slides.

5. REGIONAL REPORT

Section 1 was noted

5.2 Section 2 was noted except for the CWU Strategy and Vision for the Future of the Post Office Network which was discussed.

5.3 Section 3 was noted except for the following paragraphs:

1.7 Re-organising our Union to Win – T&G Presentation

The Secretary introduced the Presentation reminding delegates of the T&G ties with the U.S. and their plans to amalgamate with AMICUS.

Gerry Ryan suggested the Presentation be sent to Branches. Alan Tate said we were supporting the GMB organise at DHL. We needed to have a dialogue with other Unions. We should have the presentation at the LRC.

Paul Moore said have the Presentation and understand what the T&G are doing.

Norman Candy said check with the Postal Department first to ascertain the situation.

2.5 Regional Equality Officers’ Committee.

The Draft Constitution was **agreed** with the following amendment from West London:

Amend Paragraph 4(a) to read:

“a) At the Inaugural Meeting, which will be the AGM, the Committee will elect from their members a Chair, a Secretary and an Assistant Secretary, on a first past the post basis. Wherever possible, the officers will be elected Equality Officers of their own Branches and will be given priority before other candidates. Thereafter, the AGM will be held within the first three months of the year”.

4.2 Unite Against Fascism

The Secretary reported he would be attending the Black History Celebrate and Educate Event at Barking College on Saturday, 28 October on behalf of the CWU.

4.3 CWU Campaign Against Racism

It was agreed the Secretary would write to Pav Alam requesting further information about the campaign.

5.3 LRC Christmas Function

It was agreed to book McGlynns public house but with more adventurous food overseen by Kate Booker.

7.4 Regional Education Committee

It was agreed to liaise with Simon Crisford on the way forward for the Region.

8.1 'London Night' at Annual Conference

It was agreed to set up a working party of Kate Booker, Alan Tate, John Denton, Lee Wenban, Linda Kietz and Gerry Ryan. With Alan Tate leading.

6. COMMITTEE ISSUES

6.1 Region Women's Committee

No Report

6.2 Regional Political Committee

Alan Tate reported that Peter Hain and John Cruddas, Labour Deputy Leader candidates, were invited to the next meeting on 28th November.

6.3 Regional Safety Forum

No Report

6.4 Retired Members Regional Council

John Hewitt gave a report on attending meetings and the 10th anniversary edition of 'News and Views'. He gave a National Pensioners Convention Report, EDM 582, Lobby of Parliament on 25 October, Skeleton Protest, Rally at Central Hall and TUC Support. National Health Service 'No to Privatisation' campaign and the 1st November March and Rally 'Keep our National Health Service Public'.

6.5 Union Learning

A written report from Simon Crisford was distributed and it was agreed to send out to Branches in a mailing.

7. MOTIONS AND AMENDMENTS

There were none

8. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

None

9. DATE OF FUTURE MEETING

19th January, 2007 at Community