

UNISON Derby City Branch AGM

25<sup>th</sup> February 2022

AGM started at 6.55pm – closed at 7.55pm

**Chair introduction** – welcomed and thanked everyone for coming , nice to be able to not have this meeting via a screen.

**Apologies**

Ashley Cutts / Paula Brown / Moz Greenshields / Peartree infants ladies x7

**Minutes of 2021 AGM**

No matters arising and ratified as correct.

**Branch secretary** report attached

**Regional Officer Report** – (Emma Roberts)

Very proud to be part of Team Derby, The regional team are always made welcome.

We have protected jobs at Harmony Trust – No compulsory redundances.

Regional focus is on expanding membership and supporting membes

We should focus on what we have.

Excellent branch plan for the coming year

Branch want to support inequality

We need new reps across all areas – forms are available.

Regular 2 way conversations and lots of comms going out

Very excited about the coming year working with all members / 2022 will see the best of us.

**Branch Officers Endorsements** – ratified

Richard continued with the meeting as Chair

**Stewards and Health and safety reps** all ratified.

**Regional Managers Report** – (Rachel Hodson)

Lovely to be here, I am responsible for Notts and Derby Branches. Thank you to everyone, Its been you who has kept Derby going during the pandemic.Members were scared during the pandemic but carried on working – refuse, care workers etc

All communities know what was done and so does UNISON, your branch values your commitment during covid.

New ways of working and new phase could be a new challenge as this could be the new go to phrase.

More people working from home still need strong UNISONS behind them.

You have a new lovely office, a community hub – everyone is made to feel welcome.

We will continue to fight for terms and conditions and fair pay.

Members are our greatest strength and we thank you for all your help.

### **Finance Report**

Report was given to all attendees in the paperwork pack JW went through the report

2022 is a negative budget due to recruiting a case worker for all the private sector that need our help.

Honoria is 5.25 % of the budget

BS 2k

TR 2K

Comms 1K

ABS £500

### **AOB**

DATUC

Dennis Jackson statement attached

Carried –

Jill Cartwright statement attached

Carried

### **Guest Speaker Chris Birks Regional Comms**

Started in Nov 21 came from Radio Derby – Job is to shout about UNISON. Your branch is really good at Comms RP is excellent at getting info out.

BE as secretary always happy to pick up the phone and information gets straight out there.

Every regional staff knows what's going branches due to regional staff Emma, Matt and Sean. Last year people joined unison as an insurance policy – we need to build on that and get the word out we are a brilliant union – not just an insurance policy.

You need to keep me busy; I want all the media to come to unison first, you need to keep me busy – I want to get you into the press, on radio, on TV need good news stories not just that we are kicking off

Derby City is always out there spreading the word, helping members, you are lucky to have the branch team as not all branches are that lucky.

### **Guest Speaker Chris Jenkinson Regional secretary**

54 branches in the east Midlands and this is my favorite!

The work you do as activists and members is amazing – shows the best of humanity.

Last time I came to derby was to open your new office in Chaddesden, you are in the heart of the community which is fantastic. Your not in a dark corridor, your not stuck in the basement. You are in the heart of chaddesden.

Becky recently rang me urgently to release a press release about DCFC going into administration. UNISON may have members who have family members working within DCFC and we need to help where we can.

Things are going to get difficult over the next 2 years / cost of living is going up, Energy bills are going up, fuel going up. All of these will have an effect on our own pocket.

General Secretary has spoken out today to our sister unions in Ukraine and offered solidarity to the people in that region.

Trade Unions were born out of bad times, We need our trade unions now.

Working class deserve a better deal and need it now. We need to organise and make unions even stronger.

On behalf of how our region Thank you.

### **Closing**

Thank you to all who have the confidence in me as branch chair.

Big thank you to Becky for all her hard work and acknowledgement how she closes situations before they escalate.

Thank to JW for all finance and the extra work you do.

Thanks to Ian, Dennis and Jill for all the help to members, Jayne for welfare and Chris Wheeldon for retired members.

I don't work from branch but I am aware of all that is happening and all that goes on.

Its everyones branch!

Next Agm February 24<sup>th</sup> 2023

Meeting closed 7.55pm