

COMMUNICATION WORKERS UNION

LONDON REGIONAL COMMITTEE

**Minutes of the London Regional Meeting held on Tuesday 7th August 2007,
2nd floor, 33/41 Dallington Street, EC1V 0BB**

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1. Adoption of Standing Orders

Agreed

2. Attendance & Apologies

Attendance

John Denton (Secretary), Kate Booker (Assistant Secretary), Alan Tate (Acting Chair/London Regional Political Officer), Central London, London North Western C & C, Graham Henson (TCR Eastern Territory), NW London, London South West Thames, City & NE London Clerical, Tricia Clarke (Capital/Chair LRWC), Croydon & South London, London South West, SW Middlesex, Mount Pleasant International, Michele Emerson (Equal Op's Dept)

Apologies

John Gaby (London North Western C & C), Brian Lee (Retired Members Committee), Tom Walker (Northern Home Counties Postal), Simon Crisford (Union Learning), Steve Bury (Chair), Ian Ward (NEC), Steve Jones (NEC), Mark Baulch (East London Postal), Marcia Ewen (N.W London), Jeff Till (NEC), John Ballard (NE London), Roy Aird (Croydon & South London), Mark Palfrey (London Divisional Rep), Nick Darbyshire (Capital), Gerry Ryan (Capital), Dan Hobbs (Croydon & South London), Steve Doherty (City & NE London Clerical), Jim Kirwan (N/NW London), Mark Dolan (N/NW London), Peter Groom (East London Postal), Ray Dunning (West London Postal)

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting & Matters Arising

Meeting held on 2nd May 2007 – Minutes **AGREED**

Matters Arising – NONE

4. Secretary's Correspondence

CND Annual Conference will be held at City Hall on Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th October 2007. Secretary to send out email to see if anybody wishes to attend, deadline being Tuesday 22nd August 2007.

Secretary attended meeting with Ken Livingstone on 24th July 2007 with London Trade Unionists. Issues discussed were Vote of Registration, London Living Wage, Olympics, Clean Clothes Campaign, Barking and Dagenham Festival, East London

Line Extension, Closure of Underground Ticket Offices and the Royal Mail Campaign.

SERTUC – Billy Hayes has sent £3,200 to the campaign fund – letter received from Megan Dobney thanking us for the donation.

Campaign for New Workers Party – letter received asking if we wish to set up a meeting to sign up as supporters of the campaign. Assistant Secretary suggested that the secretary write to them and advise that we are not interested. This was agreed by the meeting.

5. Guest Speaker – Michele Emerson

Michele gave a presentation on the Black Representation Booklet.

6. Regional Report

7.1 Section 1 – to be noted

7.2 Section 2 – to be noted

7.3 Section 3 – to be noted except below

3.1 Post Office Closures

Huw Davies gave an update on the campaign

4.1 Royal Mail Campaign

Martin Walsh gave an update on the campaign and advised that there will be a National March and rally on 21st August 2007 in London and London people will be expected to be stewards.

6.2 Regional Youth Committee

Dan Hobbs from Croydon and South London Branch was elected unopposed as London Regional Youth Secretary. John is meeting with him on Thursday to see how they can take the Youth Committee forward.

8.2 “London Night” at Annual Conference

Alan circulated expenditure and amount raised which was £5,000 and is enough to sponsor a lorry in the next convoy. We do need to supply 2 drivers. Alan thanked everyone who helped out on the night and the branches and sponsors for their financial support for the event. Alan suggested that after such positive feedback, we should hold another event next year. Committee to consist of Alan, John and Kate. Carl Webb has asked Alan to go to Liverpool with him to negotiate a deal with a venue for all CWU functions. This was agreed by the meeting.

8. Committee Issues

8.1 Regional Women’s Committee

Tricia Clarke gave a report.

8.2 Regional Political Committee

Alan Tate gave a report. The last Regional Political meeting was cancelled due to the Postal Strike. Alan circulated a report on the dispute.

Alan reported that Gerry Ryan from Capital Branch had been selected as Prospective Parliamentary Candidate for Croydon Central.

8.3 Regional Safety Forum

Secretary not present.

Next meeting to be held at Community on 30th August 2007 at 10.30am.

8.4 Retired Members Regional Council

Secretary not present.

8.5 Equality Committee

Secretary not present.

John reported that the Equality Advisory representatives to the London Regional Committee were as follows:

RAC – Winston Richards

LGBT – Duncan Strivens

WAC – Tricia Clarke

DSNAC – Jeff Till

Secretary advised that Jeff had asked for the following reminders for future events to be raised:

Liberty Disability Rights Festival – 1st September 2007 at Trafalgar Square, 1pm-6pm-Admission-Free.

CWU Disability Conference – Saturday 17th November 2007 at Prince of Wales Hotel in Southport.

Equality Officers Forum – Tuesday 9th October 2007 at CWU HQ.

Jeff also wants to do a presentation on what the DSNAC do at the London Regional Committee. It was agreed to invite him to the next LRC meeting.

8.6 Union Learning

Simon Crisford not in attendance.

John referred the meeting to Appendix 1 of the Regional Report. This outlined the constitution of the CWU London Regional Education & Learning Committee, to be noted and if any errors, to be corrected.

Kevin Smith from Croydon & South London felt that not fit for purpose and had many errors and contradictions.

Nick Bury from NW London advised that Simon Crisford had already asked for any amendments but none had been received from Croydon & South London Branch.

John said that if Kevin let him have a list he would ensure that the constitution was amended accordingly.

9. Motions and Amendments

None

10. Any Other Competent Business

None

11. Dates of future meetings

6th November 2007 at 33/41 Dallington Street