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## **Summary of the branch meeting held on 25.05.16**

We have received a card from [Alfie Oliver's](#) parents thanking us for our donation. Adrian will put [the card on the branch website](#).

Rachelle informed the meeting that Andy Worth will be staying on as regional secretary for another year after discussions with Tim Roache.

We have received a request from member for a donation to the [South Northants Responders](#) who supplement the service provided by NHS paramedics. It was agreed to make further enquiries before making a decision.

a) It was agreed to make a donation to the Pen Green campaign to stop County Council cuts to nursery provision.

Nomination of Officers. There were no further nominations. Nominations are now closed except for [Youth Officer](#) which has received no nominations. We will continue to look for branch members who might be interested in taking up this role.

The secretary said that he felt the [Workers Memorial Day event](#) went well the speakers were good and the band, Gordon's (no relation) Volunteer band, were excellent. It was agreed that we make a donation to the band. It was also agreed that in the light of their complete failure to respond to our request to perform that we no longer support Youth Brass 2000 and that their web link be removed from our website.

We still haven't heard anything from Irthlingborough foodbank in spite of Adrian contacting them again.

Jackie felt that Workers Memorial Day had gone very well. She thanked Gordon for organising it.

We were disappointed to find out that Corby council are not going to bring back the Kier contract in house but will be extending it by a further two years. This despite their appalling treatment of employees, failure to properly maintain the equipment used by our members and their part in the blacklisting scandal. We fear that their conduct will only get worse. Rachelle said she was spending far too much time at Kier sorting out problems caused by their poor behaviour. We will be making our feelings known to the council.

Rajko reported that a meeting had been arranged for early July with Rachelle and Accuma management to sort out the problems being caused by the implementation of the 'living wage' it is still not clear if members are better or worse off.

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Fergus said that one of his members was still experiencing financial problems caused by the death of the member's daughter. It was agreed that we make a further donation.

Rachelle said that the regional women's conference had gone well. 60 to 65 members had attended. Lily thought it had been very informative and enjoyable and hoped to be able to go to more conferences in the future.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.