



Summary of the branch meeting held on 25.09.19

The branches nominee for election as General Secretary, was deemed unfit for election as the Finance and General Purposes Committee was not satisfied that she could fulfil the range of duties in the General Secretary & Treasurer job description. This raises a number of questions and the secretary will raise them in the appropriate quarters.

The secretary has sent two motions to be considered at the Equalities Motions Conference.

The branch has been asked to nominate two members to attend the Branch Activity weekend in Hull in February also two reserves. No one at the meeting came forward. The secretary will email the forms to members who might be interested. He pointed out that as he doesn't intend to seek re-election next year it would be useful for anyone who wishes to stand for election to attend.

Secretaries Report: As the secretary had just returned from holiday he had nothing to report. He was asked if he had made the payment to Kingswood Juniors FC. The secretary was sure that he had but will check.

The bank balance remains healthy

Jackie has been nominated for election to the Central Executive Council. She hopes all branch members will vote for her.

Kettering Borough Council: Fergus said that many members pay had improved and that conditions were better than under Kier. However, there was a feeling that some members felt that they were being treated as second class citizens, especially in refuse collection, which is now based in Kettering. There was also some confusion over membership, some members didn't appear on the latest membership list. Apparently this was because they were on check off and KBC had messed things up.

Matalan: The temporary workers who are due to be made up to permanent haven't been upgraded yet but we have been assured by management that it will happen.

Kettering General Hospital: The question was asked about who was the union rep at KGH. As there is no onsite rep and we don't have an agreement with them Rachelle would be the rep in the first instance. However, if an individual had a problem it may be handled by one of our accompanying reps. We have seven of these in the branch all with plenty of experience. For more difficult problems Rachelle would be involved. This is true for all members who don't have an onsite rep.

ASDA: Rachelle reported that the demo in Leeds went well and there was a good attendance but the problems with the new contract are ongoing. There is due to be another demo next month.

AOB: Unitary Authority. There are due to be elections to a shadow unitary authority next month. This will run alongside the current borough and district councils. Elections to the full authority should take place next year.