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### **Minutes of the branch meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2017**

1. The minutes of the last meeting were agreed to be a true record
2. **Matters Arising:** Accuma management have accepted, at last, that there payslips are not correct re the payment of the National Living wage and will change them. We are now negotiating back pay. Rachelle thinks we should be able to get the full twelve months.
3. **Correspondence:** Anyone who wishes to go to the [Hazards conference](#) on the 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> July in Manchester should contact the secretary.
4. Motion to Regional Conference: This will be discussed at the next meeting.
5. **Secretary's Report:**
  - a) We tried to set up a page on our website supporting labour but were advised that this was unlawful. Instead we sent out emails to members supporting labour. We have sent out two so far with another to go out this weekend.
  - b) It was agreed that those unions and branches that donated to [the June Hancock Mesothelioma Research Fund](#) should be thanked on our website together with the total collected.
  - c) The secretary should have sent a cheque for £100 to the [Lewis foundation](#), which is run by Lorraine Lewis and collects money for the cancer ward at Northampton General Hospital but forgot. It was agreed that we now send a cheque for £200 along with the secretaries apologies.
6. **Financial Report:** Branch Finances were discussed and noted to be in good health
7. **Presidents Report:** Jackie had attended the regional council meeting. She felt the meeting had gone very well. Phil Soper had been elected regional president. She was very impressed by Richard Oliver, the regional political officer.
8. **Social Media:** Adrian has been busy with the general election emails. The Workers Memorial Day photos have gone on the website, replacing those from 2 years ago. The traffic has been about the same as usual.
9. **Equality Officers Report:** Martyn has been spending most of his time working for Beth Miller the labour party candidate in Corby so had nothing to report. He will not be going to conference which has been shortened by 2 days because of the election. He felt his time would be better spent in Corby.
10. **Workplace Reports:** Rachelle reported that Matalan members had accepted the companies offer of a pay rise by 94%. The ballot had been run entirely by workplace organisers. The drivers are still to ballot. Nomination forms will be going up at Kier shortly to find a member to replace Fergus Farrell as workplace organiser. Ian Totton and James Wright will also be standing down at Matalan. The branch wished it to be put on record their thanks to them for their efforts on behalf of members.