

# CUMBRIA DIVISION OF THE NATIONAL UNION OF TEACHERS



## MINUTES OF DIVISION COUNCIL

**Held at the Cragwood Hotel, Windermere at 1pm on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2009**

**Welcome:** The meeting was opened by Ann Kay, President. She welcomed everyone who had stayed after the morning AGM.

**Apologies for absence** were received from: John Dalton, Sally Lister, Jonathan Whitwell, Jenny Rutter, Grahame Smith, James Douglas, Allyson Ingall, Mike Cunningham, Joy Bowmer & M McDonald,

**Present:** Alan Rutter, Chris Brooksbank, Liz Freeman, Ann Kay, Angie Leonard, Jennifer Marshall, John Warbrick, Dave Ramshaw & Mike Charlton

- 1. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2008:** agreed as a true record proposed by Ann Kaye, seconded by Liz Freeman.
- 2. Matters arising from the minutes:** None
- 3. Category 1 Reports:**
  - National Executive:** Alan noted that with executive meeting since the last Divisional Council there . National Political events are overtaking educational issues. There is an away day planned for Hamilton House (which is more of a home day) to look at several issues.
  - Teacher Representatives:** Nothing further to report.
  - (Scrutiny Panel):** Nothing further from the AGM this morning.
  - TACG:** Alan will be attending on Wednesday next week.
- 4. Category 2 reports:** These were formally received at 11.25
- 5. Correspondence requiring decision as to action:** None
- 6. Conference 2009 - Cardiff:** Motions have been prioritised and will be forwarded to local associations when they have been received from HQ. A Division pre-meet for reps will be at Penrith on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March. Alan went through the known delegates. Allowances will be in line with last year. The Conference hotel is the Park Plaza. Conference 2010 is at Liverpool.
- 7. Cumbria Division Training 2009:** Alan will send out fliers for the next H&S (21<sup>st</sup> April), Staying on the Union side of the Law (24<sup>th</sup> March), and Teacher Contact (23<sup>rd</sup> March, 30<sup>th</sup> March & 31<sup>st</sup> March) courses. The UoC link has started with the 3Rs course, but the Masters programme has been delayed to start in the summer term.
- 8. Cumbria Matters:** The policy & procedures are still being reviewed, and it was noted that the redundancy criteria has recently changed – with a return to scoring all criteria. The recent debacle over the Carlisle Academy has had a negative impact on the reputation of Cumbria LA.

**9. National Matters:** These were covered earlier.

**10. Matters arising from category 2 reports: (Timed business at 12pm)** taken at 1.22pm.

**President:** Nothing further to report.

**General Secretary Negotiating Secretary & Casework Secretary:** Alan reiterated that the scale and complexity of casework, with a big focus on private schools and academies, was continuing to have a big impact on our work.

**Treasurer:** Allyson reported in the AGM

**Health & Safety Advisor:** Dave reported in the AGM

**EGAG:** No Cumbrian motions progressed this year

**North Regional Council:** Their Education Advisory Group (EAC) met last week. It was noted that the NUT membership is increasing, but not as fast as NAS, though there are less teachers overall than last year. We do need to monitor membership and work hard to promote the Union.

**11. Any other business:** Alan wished Mike Charlton good luck with the re-birth of the Penrith Association on 24<sup>th</sup> February.

The meeting closed at 1.32pm.