



**MINUTES OF DIVISION COUNCIL**

**Held at the Low Wood Hotel, Windermere at 1pm on Saturday 27 February 2010**

**Present:** Mike Charlton, Alan Rutter, Chris Brooksbank, Jurgen Stepputat, James Douglas, Angie Leonard, Mike Cunningham & Liz Freeman.

**Welcome:** The meeting was opened by Mike Charlton, Vice President.

**Apologies for absence were received from:** Allyson Ingall, Paul Parkinson, Ann Kay, Jonathan Whitwell, Dave Ramshaw, Mike McDonald, John Dalton, Sally Lister, Jenny Rutter, Jennifer Marshall, Lindzi Greenwood, Martin Soulsby, Andrew Barton & Grahame Smith.

1. **Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Saturday 21 November 2009:** agreed
2. **Matters arising from the minutes:** None not on the agenda
3. **Category 1 Reports:**

**National Executive:** Alan reported that the National Executive's main focus is the SATs ballot with NAHT. In Cumbria NAHT have no current active officers and so we hope to liaise with all schools on their behalf – after confirmation from the General Secretary.

Kevin Courtney has been appointed as National Deputy General Secretary on a turnout of 14% vote

**Teacher Representative (Scrutiny Panel):** The local authority has stopped scrutiny with teacher associations. Behind the scenes pressure is being applied to try to re-establish it.

**TACG:** Concern was raised about an increase in unfair use of capability procedures. The LA is still refusing to fund its redundancy procedure

4. **Category 2 reports:** None – as all reported at this morning's AGM
5. **Correspondence requiring decision as to action:** None
6. **Conference 2010 / 2011: Liverpool**

Attendance should now be confirmed. Alan reminded the meeting of the procedure for getting observer credentials. The Division is staying at the Hilton Hotel.

A pre-conference meeting will be held at The Roundthorn Hotel on Friday 19 March.

On the first day of conference delegates are to meet in foyer of the Hilton by approximately 3.15pm. The Cumbria Division Reception will be in the Atlantic Hotel on the Sunday starting at 9pm with live music. We will not be going to the executive dinner this year.

Expenses agreed to Cumbria Treasurers recommendations for hotel, daily and travel rates.

**7. Cumbria Division Training 2010:**

This morning's suggestion for an NQT induction course was agreed in principle. The Leadership Group and Young Teachers reps will devise a programme for September / October.

Next SLAGs – 5pm Monday 22 March (TBC) if

Next HR training Friday 30 April all day at the Crosthwaite Centre, Keswick.

Richard Stainton has asked for a delegation to go to London, 6pm 18 March, for the launch of the four new Teachers2Teachers and Teachers TV programmes. Angie and Alan will take a reasonable view of supporting teachers who wish to go. This launch is to be repeated in Carlisle later in year.

**8. Cumbria Matters:**

The LA are re-structuring their senior leadership and with resignation of Corporate Director, there is almost nobody to speak to with any authority. The current senior leaders are either ill, or seem rather disinterested. This concern has been passed on to the politicians.

9. **National Matters:** Covered this morning.

10. **Matters arising from category 2 reports (Timed business at 2m):** None

11. **Any other business:** None

The meeting closed at 1.59 and 59 seconds. Jonathan now something to live up to!