



Minutes of the Division Council Meeting

Held on Saturday 5 March 2011 at The Leeming House Hotel, Penrith

Present: Christine Blower, Mike Charlton, Alan Rutter, Allyson Ingall, Angie Leonard, Mike McDonald, Paul Parkinson, Ann Kay, Mike Cunningham, Andy Barton, Kirsty Barton, Joy Bowmer, James Douglas, Guy Foster, Dave Ramshaw, Jonathan Whitwell & Chris Brooksbank

	Action
Agenda: Mike Charlton took the Chair strongly after his election at the AGM	
Apologies: None	
Minutes of the last Meeting: 20 November 2010 were agreed	
Matters arising: The last Leadership course was successful with 7 school leaders, and recruiting 2 more members.	
<p>Category 1 Reports:</p> <p>Executive Report – As all those present attended the AGM before lunch The main issues were discussed and shared in the morning by Alan and Christine. Amendments to conference were also looked at. We have some motions and an amendment from Cumbrian associations to national conference. Hamilton House has seen some improvements, including the new café.</p> <p>Teacher Rep – no report as the LA continue to not invite the unions to their scrutiny system</p> <p>TACG: The intention seems to be to move to a single Consultation Group for all employees – JCG. There are some details that need to be agreed before this starts, including proportional representation.</p>	
<p>Category 2 Reports: Timed business 2pm - were received</p>	
<p>Correspondence requiring decisions as to action: None</p>	
<p>Annual Conference 2011: We have put in one amendment to the Unity motion. Allyson asked for any final information and stated she will send email with county recommended expenses rate. She warned that parking is very limited at the hotel. The Cumbria reception is on Sunday, the executive will be invited as have our new assistant director for schools and learning as she lives in Harrogate. Pre-conference afternoon on 1 April exec and delegates are all invited. Facilities time will be available – meeting probably at the Roundthorn Hotel.</p>	
<p>Cumbria Division Training 2011: We are hoping to run a Reading Conference in June. The next Leadership meeting will be 12 noon Friday 18 March to refresh training programmes and discuss casework.</p>	
<p>Cumbria Matters: See above re academies, funding issues, redundancies etc... Plus Central Services reorganisation is reaching a critical point – 300 job cuts School redundancies are coming to a head, with approx. 40 schools at the moment. The School Forum will be proposing new protocols for the re-use of the Voluntary Redundancy part of our scheme. The proposal will be Compulsory + 50%. Casework is still extensive varied and interesting</p>	

<p>National Matters: These had been covered earlier</p>	
<p>Matters arising from Category 2 Reports (Timed business – taken at 1.32pm)</p> <p>President and Secretary: Nothing further to report</p> <p>Negotiating Secretary: Alan reported that policies are being renewed. The redundancy scheme includes consultation phase but some schools are following the procedures fully and the anonymised information is not being provided for members at ERMs. This will be raised at TACG</p> <p>Casework & Treasurer: Nothing further to report</p> <p>H&S Advisor: Ann explained she has been very busy, but is available to come in to schools. She is monitoring the implementation of the Stress Procedure.</p> <p>EGAG: has not met since the last council</p> <p>North Regional Council: Our apologies were sent for today’s meeting. Similar issues were shared at the last meeting (November) including SATs, and Academies across the region. Every Division, except one, in the North Region has seen increasing membership. The calendar for meetings was reviewed and any clashes dealt with.</p>	
<p>AOB: Regional Training is on weekend of Friday 1 July The National Education Conference is the weekend of the 8 July. Delegates were invited and should let Alan know</p>	
<p>Place, time and date of the next meeting: Executive and Conference Reps 1pm Friday 1 April at Roundthorn Hotel Executive 7pm Thursday 5 May, Monday 13 June (venue TBC) Division Council 10 for 10.30am Saturday 25 June (venue TBC)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Meeting closed at 1.43pm</p>	