



Minutes of the Carlisle Association Meeting Held at 7pm on Tuesday 28 September 2010 at The Cumbria Park Hotel, Carlisle

Present: Alan Rutter, Elizabeth Freeman, Dave Ramshaw, David Hobbs, Jim Moody, Alison Armstrong, Richard Boyce, Chris Prettyman, Janet Patton, Cheryl Perkins, T Foody, Janice Lynas chaired the meeting.

Apologies for absence: Mike McDonald, John Nevinson, Angela Baty, John Reardon.

Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the previous meeting on 5 July 2010 were read and accepted.

Matters arising: None.

Correspondence:

Secretary: NUT CPD in house training: most at Stoke Rochford, some locally, these courses very good. Members advised that they should apply. Free to NUT members. All you need is cover.

Union has advisory panels on Retired Teachers, Early Years etc..

Opportunities for members to apply to be nominated for vacancies. Vacancies have arisen for Equal Opportunities, Race, Gender, Special Needs and several others, including Primary Schools and Secondary schools. (Liz Freeman nominated by Cheryl Perkins and seconded by David Ramshaw for retired teachers.

Cheryl mentioned: Reclaim the Night March. 27 November 2010, anybody interested?

Reports:

We have a new Director of Children's Services (Julia Morrison), and Director of Schools (Caroline Sutton). Alan impressed with them so far.

Three schools have sacked members of staff after returning from holiday on Capability grounds. Appeals to follow.

H&S – October course postponed due to lack of applicants.

Conference Motions 2011:

1. Break up of local Authorities
2. Millennium Goals
3. Small Schools Management Capacity
4. Continuing Professional Development
5. Professional Unity
6. Acceptable Working Practices

All of the above agreed by the meeting to be put forward to Conference.

Conference 2011 (Harrogate):

Jim Moody, Angeline Baty, David Hobbs and John Reardon have expressed an interest. Staying at the Yorkshire Hotel.

Cumbria matters: Academies:

Two approved these are Seaton Infants and Queen Elisabeth Grammar. However Seaton have not consulted the staff – in dispute at present. QE having second thoughts.

Queen Katherine Kendal, Kirkby Kendal and Queen Elisabeth, Appleby are consulting now to become academies.

National Matters: Pensions will be under attack.

NAHT have pulled back on boycotting SATS next year because they have been given the offer of a review.

AOB: Alan e-mailed local MP asking him to support anti Academies protest. Series of letters now in progress on the matter (which he does not support because Academies improve faster than state schools).

The meeting closed at 2019.