



Minutes of the Carlisle Association Meeting
Held at 7pm on Wednesday 21 October 2009
at The Cumbria Park Hotel, Carlisle

Present: Alan Rutter, Elizabeth Freeman, Dave Ramshaw, David Hobbs,
Jim Moody, Richard Boyce, Chris Prettyman, Rob Huck, Janet Patton.
(Janet Patton in the chair)

1. Apologies for absence: Mike Mc Donald, John Nevison, Alison Armstrong

2. Minutes of the Meeting held: The minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 29 June 2009 were read.

3. Matters arising: Apologies for page missing. Recruitment much better. £1 sub worked . Fewer NQT's this year. We are the only union that only recruits teachers from England and Wales. All NQT's sent letter plus memory stick and whistle. NQT weekend course will run again in Newcastle. Mixture of CPD and socialising, entertainment included. Previous candidates have eventually returned when they have settled into their careers to do good work for union as active members.

4. Correspondence:

Various conferences mentioned, no takers.

Campaign to end SAT's . We are prepared to go ahead with ballot. NAHT are getting cold feet and hedging about action. They have put off possible ballot until after Christmas. Now there will be an indicative ballot before Christmas (before the proper one).

Available NUT courses at Stoke Rochford and elsewhere for the next six months were advertised.

Concern about lack of take up on Well Being Scheme, particularly by Secondary schools. The second cohort was in danger of being cancelled

5. Reports:

Secretary:

Annual Conference in Liverpool next year – Cumbria delegates in the Hilton (not yet opened). Delegates invited to let Alan know if they wish to attend. – Venue Echo Arena on dockside.

Motions for conference – five motions put by other parties were looked at to decide if we wish to support them. After some discussion we decided to support four of them. The motion titles were:

NUT Organising Strategy

Conference

Independent Safeguarding Authority

Primary Teachers' Workload and Working Time

Details of these motions can be seen on the local NUT website: www.cumbrianut.org

<p>6. Rarely cover regulations: Expected a lot of correspondence from schools on this before the introduction but this did not happen. We are now getting a lot of queries from schools which were obviously not prepared. Also tending to stop or reduce CPD according to staff absences. Also tightening up on release for other reasons. County have policy on such things which schools should comply with. A lot of work still needs to be done to get schools to comply with the rarely cover legislation fairly.</p> <p>7. Cumbria Matters Children’s Services are currently re-writing children and young persons plan and ‘consulting with unions’ Discussed progress of Academies and associated problems. UPS – when introduced a lot of schools refused to let people move up. Next year they went through. Problems emerging again. Schools giving reasons such as residuals below the average, Ofsted results bad etc.. Union proposing to get members to pre-empt this by keeping records, warning management etc. about problems areas in advance.</p> <p>Ofsted now asking for safeguarding info. CRB checks etc. on first day of visit. If not available they can walk off site and leave school with an improvement notice or worse.</p>	
<p>8. National Matters: Resistance and opposition to GTC code of conduct. Government want to bring in a five year re-registration period. If you fail, you lose your registration. Union busy pointing out all of the pitfalls to Government.</p>	
<p>9. AOB: e – petition – Abolishing Ofsted. David Hobbs suggested we sign up to it.</p>	
<p>The meeting was closed at 2030 precisely.</p>	
<p>Minutes recorded by D. Ramshaw.</p>	