

## Minutes of AGM

22<sup>nd</sup> January 5pm - AGM

Dolphin Centre, Darlington

5:00pm

Attendance: Graeme Cooke, Paul Butt, Hazel Commane, Julie Ashmore, Dominic McArdle, Elaine Beattie, Julie Hall, Laura Thurman, Elaine Ward, Chris Lapping, Luke Watkinson

Apologies: Andrew York

Chair opened the meeting by noting the sad passing of David Kay. He was a long standing treasurer for Darlington NUT and will be sadly missed.

1. **Prioritising Motions for conference** - The following motions were prioritised: 3 Workload Challenge, 13 Trade Union Rights, 29 Boycott of Primary School Testing, 42 Sixth Form College Funding, 77 Voting using electronic technology, 18 Education Funding and the equalities conference motion with most votes was 53 Equality, Solidarity and Trade Unionism

### 2. **Reports**

- Annual Report (GC) There has been a steady stream of capability then sickness review cases which are always older women. Academisation continues with Northwood now being sponsored by Heathfield. Polam is now paying into the Darlington facilities pot. Cuts are biting, particularly TAs. We are about to lose the behaviour support unit (which includes turnaround) with the staff from turnover setting up their own service freelance. Pupils with extreme needs

will now be back in class which will have a huge impact on those classes and make it more difficult to hit progress targets. The NUT is balloting sixth form members about sixth form funding. For five years now they have been massive cuts year on year and colleges are at breaking point. They are still paying 20% VAT whereas academies don't. The area review does not include academies.

- Statement of accounts (PB) - we continue to spend more than is coming in, which is eating into the reserve somewhat. Income will be higher this year as subs were raised last year, so no need to raise any further.
- Communications Report (HC) - Rep density has continued to increase and now stands at 33%. Membership across Darlington has increased slightly which is solely down to Elaine Beattie, Rep from Beaumont Hill who has increased membership in her school from 7 to 24 in a year!

### 3. Nominations and elections for roles:

Graeme Cooke explained he has decided to retire from his role as secretary but would be around to help support and coach a new secretary.

- Secretary - Julie Ashmore
- Assistant Secretary - Hazel Commane
- Treasurer - Paul Butt
- President - Chris Lapping
- Vice President - Luke Watkinson
- Caseworkers - Dom, Elaine B, Laura, Graeme

- Health and Safety Adviser- Laura Thurman
  - Learning Rep - Zoe Mather
  - Young Teachers' Officer - Chris Lapping
  - Press Secretary - Dominic McArdle
4. Delegates for conference - Julie, Paul, Hazel
  5. Next year's meeting dates - 9th February, rest tbc
  6. KS1 Assessment information Evening (Emma Hardy-Mattinson)  
9th February arranged for Northwood Primary 5pm with light buffet, with Chris Lapping to chair/lead
  7. **AOB** - none

7:30pm - Voodoo Cafe

Future meeting dates for your diary:

Tuesday 9th February, 5:00pm, Northwood Primary School  
others tbc

Check website for details.