



## CAMBRIDGESHIRE ASSOCIATION

### **Minutes of the meeting of Cambridgeshire Association Committee held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2014 at Long Road Sixth Form College, Cambridge.**

- 1. Present:** Philippe Harari (minutes), Jon Duveen, Lesley Jackson, Laura Derry, Martin Field, Amy Crane, Paula Champion, Jackie Francis, Sophi Berridge, Dave Seagrave, Tom Woodcock, Asim Khairdean

Members welcomed Asim to the meeting; he had recently attended the International Solidarity NUT Conference. The meeting agreed to co-opt Asim as International Solidarity Officer for the Association; he gave a brief verbal report to the meeting and will submit a more detailed article for the Newsletter. International solidarity will be an item on the next Committee agenda

- 2. Apologies:** Matt Kelly, Daphne Babouris, Brian Chadwick
- 3. Minutes:** there were no minutes available for the previous meeting.
- 4. Matters arising:** none
- 5. July 10<sup>th</sup> Strike and Rally – organisation:** Jon circulated the information that he had received after sending an email to all school reps about which schools are striking (about 30 schools so far). Many schools will be affected but in one primary school no members are going out and we will need to look at that. Staff in one secondary school are very demoralised as a result of being in special measures and job losses, and few are coming out. However, teachers in another secondary school that is under special measures will be supporting the strike en masse. A third secondary school that is in special measures will be staying largely open. One rep reported that members have felt that this is not a very good time to hold a strike and she had to work hard to get members out. Jon made a note of information about school closures from members in the meeting. There is a general sense that the turn-out will be similar to the previous strike and that the rallies will be larger as other public sector unions are striking on the same day. There is also a sense that the strikes, the lobbying and the leafleting are having a cumulative effect on the government but also on the commitment and morale of our own members.

Agreed that we need to use the strike to recruit reps and increase the activity of existing reps. Tom outlined the plans for the Cambridge march and rally. The meeting discussed the details and the activities we could do to talk to union members, the public and the press. Stewards' meeting is at 9.45 on Parkers Piece

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- 6. Early Years meeting and next steps in campaign:** Paula reported back on the recent Early Years meeting. There were over 50 people there; teachers, parents and campaigners. It had been a very successful meeting and a lot of positive suggestions came out of it. Paula has written a follow-up email to all the participants and will write an article for the Newsletter. The meeting agreed that:
- We should submit a report to The Teacher magazine
  - We should talk to the LA and County Councillors
  - We should organise more meetings next year
- Congratulations were given to all those involved in the organisation of the meeting and the matter will be an item on the agenda of the first meeting in September.
- 7. Dates of meetings for 2014/15:** Jon circulated a list of possible meeting dates for next year. Agreed to discuss topics for the education meetings at the next Committee. Jon asked members to get back to him if there are problems with any of the dates.
- 8. New Teacher event(s):** Lesley and Laura agreed to discuss this and come up with suggestions.
- 9. Correspondence:** list not available
- 10. Reports**
- a. **Secretary:** all the Secondary Heads in Cambs, apart from one, agreed to fund the facilities time for this year. The Union is in discussion with that head.
  - b. **Treasurer:** we agreed at the last General Meeting to donate £200 to Traveller Solidarity, but the meeting wasn't quorate; agreed to donate this money now as they need it in July and have the decision ratified at the next General Meeting. It was also agreed to donate £300 to the Cambridge Trades Council as they were in need of funds immediately; this will also have to be ratified at the next GM.
  - c. **Any other reports from officers:** none
- 11. AOB:** we will discuss the reps bag at the next Committee meeting.