

# Supplementary Agenda

**Wednesday 16 February 2011 at 6pm in the Queens Hall  
Clerk Street, Edinburgh.**

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## **Item 6. Financial Statement**

The **Financial Statement** was placed on the website and will be circulated prior to the start of the meeting. Any questions should be notified to the Branch President. These will be taken under Item 6.

## **Item 8. Election of Branch Officers**

### **Service Conditions Officer**

Three of the five posts must be filled by women. We have been informed that Elaine Wishart has withdrawn her nomination, so Gem Hogan, Agnes Petkevicius and Irene Stout are the sole women candidates.

There will be an election for the **TWO** remaining seats between three candidates.

**Biographical details submitted by the candidates are printed on Page 2.**

## **Item 9 Rule Changes**

### **CORRECTION**

#### **Rule D. 6. Health & Safety Sub Committee Committee**

Some words were omitted in the original agenda (*italicised*). The Rule Change should read:-

#### **Delete paragraph 1 (a) and replace with**

“ a) The Branch Chairperson, the Branch Health and Safety Officer, the Branch Education Officer and one member elected by the Branch Committee.”

#### **Delete paragraph 2 and replace with**

The Sub-Committee shall invite all Branch Safety Reps to attend the meetings but only members of the Sub Committee *as defined in 1(a) and (b) of this rule* shall have voting rights.

## **Item 10 Motions and Amendments**

PLEASE NOTE: At the first publication of this supplementary agenda, there was still time for Emergency Motions to be submitted. The agenda will be updated on Monday 14 February to include any submitted.

### **1. Amendment to Motion 3 ‘Stop the Cuts’**

#### **Delete Point 13 and replace with**

“Call on UNISON through the TUC and the STUC to co-ordinate lawful industrial action between trade unions to ensure that any such action has maximum impact. This meeting believes that the attacks on pensions should be a priority for such action”.

*Proposed by John Stevenson (Children & Families), John Ross (Services for Communities)*

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## Election to post of Service Conditions Officer - Two to be elected Candidates' biographical details

### TOM CONNOLLY

Throughout my childhood I received an excellent insight and education into the importance of trade unions, and how they were established to protect the interests of working people.

My parents and extended family members were strongly committed and active in the trade unions; I learned the importance and necessity for a strong trade union movement to ensure that workers continue to have a voice and protection at work.

In my youth I was active in my union and was a member of my unions Scottish Youth Committee, campaigning for stronger rights and better conditions for young workers.

I represented my union on the U.N.s International Youth Year Committee; we successfully campaigned to ensure that my then local authority agreed to fund and support Youth Year activities.

I have now been involved in trade unions for over 20 years and I am currently a Shop Steward and

Convenor of my Shop Stewards Committee.

I have represented UNISON members through many Organisational reviews; ensuring that members concerns are always heard and the importance of maintaining well funded services are highlighted.

I have engaged in

- TUC Training - Shop Stewards training, to advanced level
- Employment Law training
- I have a qualification in Public Administration, this assists me in having a clear insight into the powers, functions and financing of Local authorities and there relationship with central government.

I sit on

- Branch Committee
- Vice Chair Departmental Joint Consultative Committee and attend Scottish local government conference

### TAM MCKIRDY

I have been employed by the City of Edinburgh Council as a Gardener since 1994 and joined UNISON at the same time. I became a Shop Steward two years later (1998).

Having gained experience through dealing with members issues my involvement with the union has

grown and I currently hold the post of Service Conditions Officer. My primary role is of an advisory nature with representation provided when required.

I currently sit on the Branch Committee, Services Conditions Committee and the Scottish Local Government Committee.

### JIM QUINN

I joined Unison 7½ years ago, when I started working for the council in the Contact Centre. Prior to this, I worked for BT for 25 years most of it as an official with the Communications Workers Union and predecessors.

Within Unison, I am currently a Branch Service Conditions Officer dealing with members cases, the Corporate and Transactional strand of ABM (Privatisation) and also the effects of budget cuts in Corporate Services and other areas which includes redundancy consultations. I was a member of the Housing stewards committee, before transferring to Corporate Services. Since then, I helped to resurrect that department's stewards committee and DJCC which I still serve on.

In 18 years in BT as a branch secretary, I was heavily involved in the campaign and action against privatisation of the early 1980s and all other service conditions and branch issues.

The challenges we face in the coming year are many as usual. Budget and staff cuts and

Privatisation to name just a couple. I feel my experience can continue to be useful to the Branch in difficult circumstances.

In offering myself for re-election Service Conditions Officer, I reproduce a summary of my experience.

### UNISON

Branch Service Conditions Officer  
Service Conditions, Branch and Policy & Finance Committees  
Contact Centre Steward  
Vice Convener Corporate Services  
Corporate Services DJCC  
Scottish Local Government Conference

### CWU

Branch Secretary  
Chair East Scotland BT Unions Committee  
National Conference Standing Orders Committee  
Scottish Council  
TUC and STUC  
Scottish Labour Party  
Secretary Computing Scotland & North England