



MINUTES OF THE FORESTRY COMMISSION TRADE UNIONS' DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20 APRIL 2010, EAST BOARDROOM, SILVAN HOUSE, EDINBURGH

Present:	Allan MacKenzie	FCTU Secretary
	Mary Irvine	PCS
	Audrey Campbell	Unite
	Lorraine Adams	Prospect
	Roy Laird	GMB
Minute Secretary	Sam Telford	

1. Apologies

An apology was noted from Robert Beaney.

2. Minutes of 23 March 2010

Amendments were noted.

3. Matters Arising

3.1 FCTU Communications Strategy

It was noted that the senior lay reps would meet following the DC meeting to discuss the Communications Strategy and a paper would be submitted at the next DC meeting.

Action Required: Mary Irvine, Audrey Campbell, Lorraine Adams, Roy Laird

3.3 DEFRA TU Network Update

Allan provided a written summary on the last meeting. It was agreed that Allan would submit a further paper on the role of the DEFRA TU Network and how the FCTU contributes to and benefits from attending these meetings.

Action Required: Allan MacKenzie

3.4 Occupational Health & Safety Reps Training

In Robert's absence, it was noted that this would be added to the agenda for the May meeting for an update.

4. DC Composition & Function

The discussion on this item was noted to be confidential.

Allan advised that he would submit a written response to Mary's paper and the discussion that followed.

Action Required: Allan MacKenzie

5. JEGS

Following a confidential discussion, Allan advised that he would contact HR to ask when the FCTU would be invited to submit posts for JEGS.

Action Required: Allan MacKenzie

6. AOB

6.1 Business Units Review

Roy reported that Bruce Hamilton and Alistair Gillies from FCTU Business Units met with the consultant, Paul Jarah to discuss the review and put a union perspective across to him. It was noted that a report will be sent to a steering group comprising of Simon Hodge (chair), Simon Hodgson and Peter Garson representing customers in Scotland, England and Wales respectively and that Michael Ansell and Jean Lindsay will be advisers. It was noted that Paul Jarah will report to the steering group who will put recommendations to the Forestry Commission's Executive Board on 7 June and unless management give the unions sight of the report, they will need to use other measures to obtain it.

6.3 FCTU Branding

Allan said that the FCTU office was still awaiting alternative designs from the FC's design department and he would report back when the office receives them. The DC agreed however that a complete change of brand should be considered and the designs offered from the FC may not be suitable. Allan added that he welcomed suggestions for a new logo from the DC.

Action Required: Allan MacKenzie

6.4 Election Manifestos

Allan said that he would be analysing political party manifestos and producing a summary paper highlighting the party positions on public sector matters. It was noted that this would be circulated to the DC and posted onto the FCTU Website for members.

Action Required: Allan MacKenzie

7. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting date was confirmed as 25 May 2010.