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**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
HELD AT UNITE HOUSE, HOLBORN, LONDON WC1
ON WEDNESDAY 24TH APRIL 2013
COMMENCING AT 1.30 P.M.**

PRESENT:

MEMBERS: Bro. K ABRAMS, Sis. T ASHWORTH, Bro. S BEATTY,
Sis. S BENNETT, Bros. C BOND, D BOWYER, D BROCKETT,
C CADMAN, J COOPER, P ENTWISTLE, M FORBES,
S HIBBERT, Sis. S HUTCHINSON, Bros. J JAMES, M JOHNSON
J KENDALL, M LYON, D MATHIESON, M MAYER, P McCOURT,
S MILLER, J MITCHELL, T MITCHELL, I MONCKTON,
Sis. S OWENS, B PLEASANTS, Bro. P RUSSELL, Sis. M RYAN,
Bro. J SHERIDAN, Sis. J STEWART, J STILL, Bro. M TAJ,
Sis. J TAYLOR, Bros. M THOMAS, H TURNER, Sis. M VANNET,
S WALLACE, Bros. P WELSH, F WOOD, M WOOD,
T WOODHOUSE

EX OFFICIO: Bro. L McCLUSKEY (General Secretary)
Bro. T BURKE (Assistant General Secretary)
Sis. G CARTMAIL (Assistant General Secretary)
Sis. I DYKES (Head of Constitutional Administration)
Sis. D HOLLAND (Assistant General Secretary)
Bro. A MURRAY (Chief of Staff)
Bro. E SABISKY (Director of Finance & Operations)
Bro. S TURNER (Director of Executive Policy)
Bro. A WEIR (Assistant Chief of Staff)
Bro. B SIMPSON (Young Members Observer)
Bro. P WISEMAN (Retired Members Observer)

IN THE CHAIR: Bro. T WOODHOUSE

**Minute
No.699**

1. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Formal permission was requested to be absent from the meeting for the reasons stated:

Name	Circumstance
Lindsey Adams	TU Business
Kwasi Agyemang-Prempeh	TU Business

Ian Allinson	Work commitments
Jennifer Elliot	Holiday
Moira Elliott	Illness
Des Graham	TU Business
Andy Green	TU Business
Brian Holmes	TU Business
Glenn Jackson	TU Business
Lizanne Malone	Work commitments
Helen McFarlane	Work commitments
Sean McGovern	TU Business
Therese Moloney	Work commitments
Jimmy Neill	Work commitments
Kate Osborne	Work commitments
Sue Sharp	Work commitments
June Shepherd	Work commitments
John Storey	Work commitments
Pat Stuart	TU Business
Mark Thomas	Work commitments
Agnes Tolmie	TU Business
Dave Whitnall	Work commitments
Dave Williams	TU Business
Dennis Wilson	TU Business

Having full appreciation of the circumstances, as reported, the Council

RESOLVED: "That necessary leave of absence be facilitated."

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No.700**

2. REPORT OF THE RETURNING OFFICER FOR THE GENERAL SECRETARY ELECTION

A document detailing the Returning Officer's report for the General Secretary Election had previously been circulated to the Council and the Returning Officer, Simon Hearn and Charlene Hannon were in attendance and verbally amplified the report.

The Chair welcomed Len McCluskey back as General Secretary and the Chief of Staff thanked the Returning Officer for the work undertaken for the election.

The General Secretary briefly addressed the Council expressing his sense of honour at being re-elected as General Secretary and his commitment to work with the Council to live up to the responsibilities placed upon him to make Unite the union we all wish it to be.

At the close of consideration, the Council

RESOLVED: "That the report be accepted."

**Minute
No.701**

3. REPORT ON DISCUSSIONS WITH TSSA

A document outlining discussions that have taken place so far with TSSA had previously been circulated to the Council and was verbally supplemented by Chief of Staff, Andrew Murray. Authorisation was sought to issue an announcement on these talks and to carry the discussion forward.

Questions and comments from members of the Council were responded to by the General Secretary and the Chief of Staff.

At the close of consideration, the Council

RESOLVED: "That the report be endorsed in line with the preamble to this Minute."

**Minute
No.702**

4. PRACTICALITIES OF A GENERAL STRIKE

The General Secretary gave a detailed report on the discussions that had taken place at the TUC earlier in the day regarding the practicalities of a General Strike.

The General Secretary advised that no final decision was taken but that he had underlined the necessity of broad campaigning against austerity along the lines set out in submissions from Unite. He further reported that affiliated unions were clearly divided on a "general strike" and, to a lesser extent, over the campaign plans and that Unite, whilst recognising the role of the TUC, would also work closely with those unions which had a similar perspective.

The Chief of Staff underlined the importance of the People's Assembly on 22nd June as a rallying point in the struggle against the cuts and for an alternative and invited Council members interested in attending, to submit their names to Steve Turner and himself.

Questions and comments from members of the Council were responded to.

At the close of consideration, the Council

RESOLVED: "That the report be endorsed."

**Minute
No.703**

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A member of the Council raised the issue of resolutions which had been submitted to the Executive Council by constitutional committees. In response, the Chair announced he was ruling out of order any business not on the prepared agenda since this was a special meeting of the Council only convened for the issues announced.

At the close of consideration, the Council

RESOLVED: "That the report be accepted."

**Minute
No.704**

Documentation

The Executive Council noted that all documents specified within the Minutes had been circulated to all members of the Council and were filed on the records of the Council.

**The Meeting of the Council
thereupon terminated**