

CWU Lancs & Cumbria Branch

Minutes of the Retired Members Section Meeting held on

Wednesday 13th July 2016 at 11.30 hrs

in Weatherspoon's Preston

Ian Lorimer chaired the meeting and 17 members were present.

Ian Lorimer, Doreen Watson, Dave McKeowen, S Brooks, John Hewitt, Mal Donoghue, Tony Monks, Steve Eastham, Alex Butler, Bernard Cairns, Ken Hayes, Steve Crossley, Pete Vickers, J Green, Andy Shorrocks, Pete Edelston, Mark Foster.

Apologies for absence were received from John Henry & John Adam.

Doreen Watson, the Retired Members Section Secretary brought the meeting to order and handed over to the Chairman.

Ian welcomed those present to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance, he had in advance of the meeting handed out copies of the 3 day's report of the National Pensioners Convention held at Blackpool over the period of the 14th to the 16th June 2016, produced by Graham Wilson. Ian also distributed to all those present a copy of the application/bank standing order form for membership of the NPC. Before the convention opened a rally was held and a march to the Winter Gardens took place in which Ian Lorimer, Doreen Watson & Heather Parks took part in boldly displaying CWU flags and banners.

Ian asked the members present to consider joining the NPC as he considered it a worthwhile organisation fighting for pensioner's rights on their behalf and at a cost of £5 per annum thought it was a small price to pay for the work they do.

Ian asked those members present to check with the branch office that their Death Benefits Nominees was up to date and for those members who weren't sure to contact Doreen who would do it on their behalf.

Ian briefed those members present of the letter being circulated to retired members regarding the BT Retirement Savings Scheme, a copy had been received from the branch office and it was shared around the meeting. Although nobody admitted to having received one yet, it was agreed that those concerned would contact Doreen or the branch office with any concerns they might have if they receive one.

A discussion was held on the venues of future meetings and although there had been some minor hiccups at the December meeting in 2015, it was agreed to hold the next meeting back here at Weatherspoon's in Preston and that Doreen would endeavour to meet with the manager beforehand to arrange the smooth running of the meeting. It was agreed to hold the Retired Members Xmas Lunch on Wednesday 7th December 2016.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 12.10hrs