



Blaenau Gwent County Branch



Thursday 21st February 2019

@ 5:00pm

in the

**Council Chamber
Civic Centre
Ebbw Vale NP23 6XB**

AGENDA

Welcome

Apologies

Minutes from 2018 AGM (for accuracy)

Chairman's Report

Treasurer's Report

Auditors' Report

Honoraria

Election of Officers

Branch Assessment

Guest Speaker (tbc) and Q&A Session

Guest Speaker - Clare Nash, Thompsons Solicitors

Closing Remarks

Prize Draw

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

8th February 2018

UNISON
County Borough of Blaenau Gwent

Post	Nominee
Secretary	Ian Robins
Chairperson	Dave Rees
Treasurer	Jonathan Morgan
Assistant Secretary	
Women's Officer	Amy Smith
Lifelong Learning Co-ordinator	Simon Key
Disabilities Officer	Mike Jackson
Health & Safety Officer	Damien Assinder
Communications Officer	
Education & Training Officer	Phil Diamond
Equalities Officer	
Welfare Officer	Simon Spree
Sports & Social Secretary	Shirley Ford
Vice-Chairperson	
Deputy Treasurer	
International Officer	Neville Southall
Minutes Secretary	Janice Collins
Auditors (2 Posts)	Carol Fry / Nicola Wyburn
LGBT Officer	
Labour Link Officer	Dave Rees
Retired Member / Pensions Champion	John Wright

The above named Officers are nominated unopposed and are deemed elected, subject to AGM approval.



We still have vacancies for Stewards across all workplaces so any nominations or volunteers would be very welcome. Full training will be offered to anyone volunteering.

Officers of the union take the lead on specific areas of activity and work in close liaison with our Stewards and Workplace Contacts to ensure that we deliver effectively for our members.

Specific training is available for many of these positions so don't feel that you will be on your own if you stand, or persuade a colleague to stand. There is only one qualification for officers, they need to be a member of the union; having an interest or experience of the specific areas of activity would of course be welcomed.

Stewards are the backbone of UNISON; they act as a link between members and the union in our workplaces. All new stewards have the right to paid time off for training which UNISON provides. New stewards also have the backup of more experienced officers should the need arise.

Your workplace will be a much stronger place should you nominate someone to act on your behalf, and remember different stewards get involved to differing degrees, so don't worry if you feel you don't have that much time, just being a presence in the workplace is often enough.

If you are interested please contact the UNISON Office:

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- UNISON Rewards
- UNISONProtect Family Protection Insurance

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Whether it's your transport to work, or transport to the beach, we've got your motoring worries covered. If you need a new car, with UNISON Living you'll have access to exclusive discounts for you and family members, and great discounts on car insurance.

- Vauxhall Associate Partners Programme
- Breakdown cover from LV= Britannia Rescue
- Car insurance provided by LV= Liverpool Victoria
- UNISON Drive

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UNISON Living helps you get the most out of your money. We work with a wide range of trusted suppliers to make sure you're not spending more than you need - from financial advice to exclusive discounts on insurance.

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- Home, travel and pet insurance
- UNISON Prepaid Plus Cashback Card
- UNION Energy
- UNISON Debtline
- UNISON credit union network

Travel

From exclusive travel deals, to our very own holiday resort in beautiful Devon, When it's time for your holiday, UNISON Living will make sure you get much more for your money.

- UNISON Travel Club
- Croyde Bay Holiday Resort

More for members

- Lottery (via UNISON Living)
- Training and new skills
- Legal services for you at work and your family at home
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(Charity registration number: 1023552 / SC038305)

UNISON's registered charity provides a unique confidential service just for UNISON members and their families. They offer:

- debt service
- advice and support
- financial assistance
- wellbeing breaks

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www.unison.org.uk/thereforyou



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**Essential legal cover
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for UNISON members
and their families**



UNISON works in partnership with Thompsons Solicitors to provide comprehensive legal support for its members. Members also benefit from employment law advice and a range of services for family members too.

- Personal Injury
- Serious Injury
- Industrial disease or illness
- A free initial assessment in clinical negligence cases
- Basic will writing
- Reduced rates for conveyancing
- Employment law
- Criminal law advice





LEARNING GRANTS

UNISON wants to help members realise their potential. We offer financial support to members taking part in various educational and learning opportunities, as well as learning discounts from a number of providers.

The number of grants is limited and they are awarded on a first come, first served, basis. Contact the branch office for further information.

Open University awards

Open University awards are available to UNISON members undertaking 30 and 60 point [Open University](#) courses up to and including undergraduate level at their own expense.

Awards are made as follows:

- 60 point courses: £300
- 30 point courses: £200

Learning grants

These grants of up to £200 are intended to help members studying at levels up to and including undergraduate at their own expense on the following types of courses:

- Trade Union and Labour Studies (where an applicant has not received a bursary)
- non-vocational education up to and including undergraduate level (e.g. GCSE maths or English)
- vocational education relevant to public service work up to and including undergraduate level

Grants for School Support Staff

To help you get on at work and develop your career, UNISON is offering personal learning development grants for members who are school support staff.

A limited number of awards of up to £300 each are being offered to help towards course fees.

Grants for Care Workers

To help you get on at work and develop your career, UNISON is offering personal learning development grants for

- members who provide social care in residential homes or individuals' own homes

A limited number of awards of up to £300 each are being offered to help towards course fees.

RETIRED?
STAY IN
UNISON



Just contact the branch and ask for an application form

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