Minutes of Annual General Meeting (Session 1) held on 19 February 2026
Via Microsoft Teams

1 **Sederunt:** Seyj Ajnyi, Kenneth Fraser, Kevin Grant, Jonathan Hoyland, Sharon Johnson, Genna Lugue, Vivienne McArthur, Kevin McIntosh, Brenda Nicholson, Adekoya Oluwatomipe, Eddie Shaw and Mary Watt.

Apologies: Ian Elwis, Lesley Lindsay, Jo McDill and Annette Scullion.

In Attendance: Gillian Bannatyne.

2 **Approval of Minutes from 5 March 2025**

Minutes were proposed by Mary Watt and seconded by Brenda Nicholson.

3 **Annual Report:**

Attached.

4 **Discussion items and members' questions**

How do we work with other unions? We host Joint Trade Union meetings, and work closely with them on workplace issues and consultations.

Should we have annual or multi-year pay negotiations: It was discussed that annual awards respond more quickly to changes and financial challenges. However, an argument was made for multi-year pay awards as the certainty of funding over for longer period would be better for councils. As businesses have 3–5 year plans, so should governments.

Gillian Bannatyne added that UNISON and COSLA lobby the Scottish government for an increase in funding to councils and members should support this by writing to MPS, etc. UNISON have many campaigns and encourage all members to check Unison Scotland for details, support and get involved.

5 **Appointment of Branch Officers and Workplace Stewards for 2026/2027**

See website.

6 Branch Finance and Statement of Accounts

The Statement of Accounts is not available today, as our Treasurer is ill, and will be e-mailed to members as soon as available. Finances are healthy.

7 Appointment of Auditors

Last year, the branch used independent auditors through UNISON and will do again, due to problems with geographic location.

8 Branch Honoraria

It was agreed to pay the following: Secretary £1,100; Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer: £850, and Communications Officer: pro-rata rate.

This was proposed by Eddie Shaw and seconded by Jonathan Hoyland.

9 AOCB

It was proposed that we affiliate with Scottish Palestine Solidarity Campaign, £25 per annum. This was proposed by Mary Watt and seconded by Eddie Shaw

There will be a prize draw: one person from each AGM session will receive £100.00.