Minutes of Annual General Meeting (Session 2) held on 19 February 2026
Via Microsoft Teams

1 **Sederunt:** Ryan Caskie, Arlene Cullum, Kirsty Durrant, Grace Dzubi, Lindsay Giffen, Kirsteen Larkin, Genna Lugue, Janis Marshall Reilly, Alan Millar, Kevin McIntosh, Arleen MacLaren, A Nab, Brenda Nicholson and Mary Watt.

Apologies: Esther Weir.

In Attendance: Gillian Bannatyne.

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

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

Kevin welcomed everyone to the AGM and thanked them for attending. He wished Mary Watt a long and healthy retirement and thanked her for all her hard work in the branch. We shall miss her! It leaves us with a vacancy for Secretary, should anyone be interested.

3 **Annual Report:**

Attached.

4 **Discussion items and members' questions**

The budget looks grim, have there been any improvements? Decisions will be made at the Budget Meeting next week. We want to limit damage to staff. It's not fair that the same groups of people constantly find their jobs under threat. Unison wants to ensure that there is only a small number of redundancies, if any.

On single year/multiyear pay settlements, it was noted that the latter was more predictable

Industrial action: there are many strategies, it's not only about all out strike. Argyll and Bute almost reached the threshold for taking industrial action last year.

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.

This was proposed by Brenda Nicholson and seconded by Arlene Cullum.

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.