

Barnet

Trades Union Council

Supporting trade unions and public services in LB Barnet

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Next Trades Council meeting:

Tuesday 8th July

7.30-9pm

Tel. 07719 283132

for venue details

Tube cleaners striking for a living wage

LONDON UNDERGROUND cleaners working for four private contractors are to strike after voting by a landslide 125:1 margin for action.

The cleaners, members of the RMT union, are demanding a London living wage of at least £7.20 an hour, 28 days' holiday, sick pay, decent pensions and travel facilities, and an end to 'third-party sackings' in which they can be dismissed, with no disciplinary hearing or right of appeal.

The strike is between 18:50 on Thurs 26 June and 18:49 on Friday 27 June. A second, 48-hour, strike is scheduled between Tuesday 1 July and Thursday 3 July. Ring 07719 283132 for picket details.

Support meeting

Labour Representation Committee public meeting in support of the RMT cleaners: 6pm, Tuesday 8 July in Portcullis House, Bridge Street, London SW1, opposite the House of Commons.

Barnet TUC executive

Chair: Helen Davies, Unison

Vice-chair: John Burgess, Unison

Secretary: Austin Harney, PCS

Asst. secretary: Ken Montague, UCU

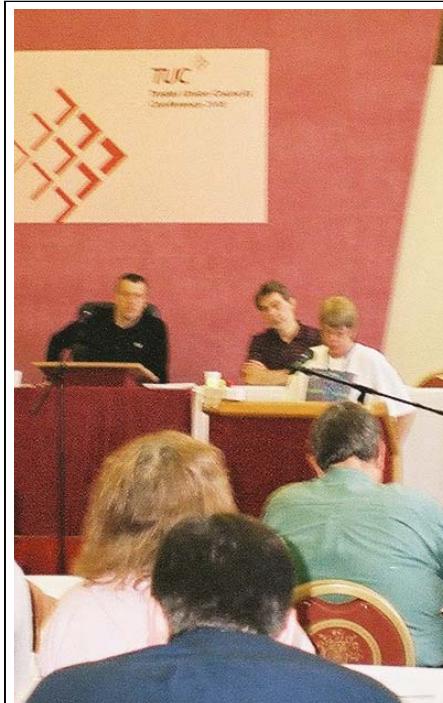
Treasurer: Alex McRae, PCS

Asst. treasurer: Gloria Pereira, PCS

Youth officer: Kieran Crowe, RMT

Publicity officer: Vicki Morris, NUJ

Committee members: Deana Hamed, PCS; Paul Coles, GMB; Maggi Myland, Unison; Craig Diggins, RMT; Keith Nason, NUT; Colin Tull, CWU.



Fremantle dispute: Pat Ward of Barnet Unison addressed the national conference of Trades Union Councils held in Sheffield in June.

Photo: Austin Harney

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Sat 28 June National Shop Stewards Network conference.

South Camden Community School, Charring-ton Street, London NW1.

Details: info@shopstewards.net

Thur 3-Fri 4 July TUC LGBT conference.

Congress House, Great Russell Street, London.

Details: ppurton@tuc.org.uk

Fri 18-Sun 20 July Tolpuddle martyrs' festival. Tolpuddle, Dorset.

Details: http://www.tuc.org.uk/the_tuc/tuc-14521-f0.cfm

Fri 15-Sun 17 August Stop the BNP's Red White and Blue Festival. Amber Valley.

Details: <http://nobnppfestival.wordpress.com/>

We are united against fascism

PAUL MURPHY FROM campaign group Unite Against Fascism spoke at June's Barnet TUC meeting. He spoke of the gains for the British National Party (BNP) in May's local elections – smaller than they had hoped for but, obviously, much bigger than

trade unionists would like: the election of Richard Barnbrook to the Greater London Assembly is especially upsetting.

Paul said he believed that people did not necessarily vote for the BNP because they were right-wing, but because there was a lot of dissatisfaction with the social record of the Labour government and a lot of unmet needs, especially for housing.

We resolved to join the march against fascism that was held in London on 21 June and to campaign to stop the BNP growing further.

Send any news items, dates for the diary or photos for the newsletter to: vickimorris@btinternet.com