CLACKMANNANSHIRE UNISON AGM 24/25 February 2021

Retired Member Officer Annual Report

What a strange year it has been since our last AGM. Like all other Unison activities the retired members branch officers have had to communicate via Zoom video meetings since May last year. We discuss many current topics that have an impact on retired members. Examples being free tv licences, pensions state and occupational, pension credit,welfare help for members, Scottish Pensioners Forum, the many facets of covid 19.

The forum meetings are usually attended by between 10 & 18 retired member branch officers across Scotland. We meet every couple of months which invokes some lively discussion.

The 2020 Retired Members Conference which was to have been held in Bournemouth for the final time, like all other similar events got cancelled. As of yet no word on if the 2021 will become a virtual conference as they seem to be more common now.

I’ve put my nomination forward to continue in the post for the coming term, not sure if the retired membership has increased any since March last year. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns, these are difficult times we are living in and the lack of social contact with the outside world gets harder the longer these restriction continue.

Stay safe and try tune connect with the branch AGM on the 24th and 25th of February on video call, more details to follow.

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