**Clackmannanshire UNISON Branch**

**Officer Report – Vice Chair**

**I am Kevin McIntyre and I am the Vice Chair branch officer for UNISON.**

The Vice Chair role is predominately about filling in for the Branch Chair on whichever occasions he/she is unavailable either to chair meetings, negotiate with the employer, provide advice on procedure and rules and ultimately in a leadership capacity within the branch offering advice and guidance to other branch officers and members.

This has probably been one of the most chaotic years for most of us with meetings held now online rather than in person with all the benefits and problems that come with use of a new IT system and processes. As such I have had much to do over the past 12 months to help support the branch alongside my colleagues the in executive committee. While challenging it has also been a rewarding experience and with Covid looking like it will be with us in one form or another for the foreseeable future I imagine things won’t be quietening down any time soon.

While most of us have spent the past few months developing new ways of working and interacting with each other in order to ensure essential functions were maintained there has perhaps been less of an opportunity to directly meet with our members. As we settle into our ‘new normal’ this is one area the branch are keen to rectify in order that we provide our members with as much opportunity as possible to engage with the executive officers on any issues or thoughts they may have for the coming years.

Look out for further members engagement sessions as we progress in 2021 and please get in touch with the branch should there be anything we can help you with.

Kevin McIntyre