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Following on from this years AGM meeting, our Branch Officers for 2019/2020 are as follows:

Position	Name	Position	Name
Branch Chair	Christine Bonsall	Women's Officer	Lorraine Gee
Branch Secretary	Jonathan Harding	Equality Officer	Roland Baynes
Assistant Secretary	Christine Bonsall	Communications Officer	Sam O'Brien
Assistant Secretary	Michael Acton	Sports Secretary	Brian Tomkins
Treasurer	Sue Cartledge	Social Secretary	Belinda Thomas
Welfare Officer	Janet Davidson	Young Members Officer	Connor Scoltock
Health & Safety Officer	Paul Forrest	Retired Member Secretary	Helen Harrison

The following positions are all vacant and the Branch is seeking nominations for these roles. If you are interested in any position, please contact the branch.

- **Deputy Chair**
- **Education officer**
- **Environmental Officer**
- **International Officer**
- **Lifelong learning Coordinator**
- **Membership Officer**
- **Voluntary Sector Officer**

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Supreme Court agrees to appeal on sleep-in payments

The Supreme Court has agreed that an appeal can go ahead against last summer's Court of Appeal judgment affecting care workers on sleep-in shifts.

The UNISON-backed case – taken on behalf of care worker Clare Tomlinson-Blake – argues that sleep-in shifts should count as working time and be paid at least an average minimum wage rates.

Commenting on the news that permission to appeal has been granted **UNISON general secretary Dave Prentis** said: "This is extremely good news. Last year's judgment has meant uncertainty for employers and care staff alike. Now there's the chance to clarify the law once and for all.

"Across the UK, thousands of care staff work sleep-in shifts looking after vulnerable adults and children, many with significant, challenging needs. As a society we should be celebrating the valuable job care workers do, not expecting them to survive on a pittance.

"Care employees are working on sleep-in shifts so this time should be counted as working time. They aren't free to come and go as they please and, as often the sole member of staff, they're likely to be on their feet for much of the night.

"Any local authorities or care providers seeking to take advantage of the uncertainty of the current situation by cutting pay rates now are acting irresponsibly. Sleep-in shifts should continue to be treated as working time, and paid accordingly."

Workers Memorial Day

Rochdale UNISON will be holding a lunchtime event to remember those who have been injured or died as a result of their work on Friday 26th April at 1.00pm at the memorial gardens opposite Rochdale Town Hall.

This is part of an international event to remember workers who have suffered workplace injury and the role unions play in preventing these incidents from occurring.

Please come and join us if you can.

