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Following on from our successful AGM on 25th February 2015—our Branch Officers for 2015/2016 and conference delegates for 2015 are as follows:

Branch Officers			
Branch Chair	Geoff Crossley	Environmental Officer	Derek Bullen
Deputy Chair	Yasmin Bari	Equality Officer	Roland Baynes
Branch Secretary	Maureen Howarth	Health & Safety Officer	Paul Forrest
Assistant Branch Secretary	Jon Harding	International Officer	Ian Sutcliffe
Assistant Branch Secretary	Christine Davies	Retired Members Secretary	Beryl Hughes
Treasurer	Olga Kiszko	Social Secretary	Richard Banks
Branch Auditor	Kath Thomas	Sports Secretary	Belinda Thomas
Communications Officer	Sam O'Brien	Welfare Secretary	June Poole
Education Coordinator	Audrey price	Young Members Officer	Ian Sutcliffe
National Delegate Conference		Local Delegate Conference	
June Poole	Maureen Howarth	Ian Sutcliffe	Olga Kiszko
Ian Sutcliffe	Olga Kiszko	Maureen Howarth	Rose Brooks
Rose Brooks		Bev Hilton	

We have officer vacancies for the following posts:

Women's Officer, Voluntary Sector Officer and Membership Officer—if you are interested in any of these positions, please contact the branch on 01706 925951/52

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AGM 2015—Prize draw winners

A free raffle draw was available to every member who attended this years AGM and the winners were as follows:

Name	Workplace	Prize
Michael Platt	Springhill Resource Centre	£20 High Street Shopping Voucher
Lorraine Gee	Community Restart Team	£10 High Street Shopping Voucher
Paul Forrest	Green Lane	£10 High Street Shopping Voucher
Carey Robinson	Number 1 Riverside	Wine
Jonathon Harding	UNISON	Toiletries
Yasmin Bari	Number 1 Riverside	Toiletries
Amy Moran-Jones	Fashion Corner	Toiletries – kindly donated to Women’s Refuge.

Congratulations to everyone—and maybe next year, you could be a winner if you attend the AGM.

Rochdale UNISON welcomes Living Wage

Rochdale UNISON welcome the introduction of the Living Wage for all council employees. The raise was agreed after negotiations between the unions and the council. The Living Wage is £7.85 per hour and over 1000 workers including schools will get a pay rise as a result of the increase.

The idea behind a living wage is very simple: that a person should be paid enough to live decently and to adequately provide for their family. At its heart is an ethical argument for preventing in-work poverty and ensuring workers are not exploited through low wages.

Maureen Howarth, Branch Secretary, commenting on the council’s decision said:

This will make a big difference for our lowest paid members. We are aware that every penny counts at the moment. We now hope that other employers will follow suit and do the right thing by hard working people providing vital services. UNISON will continue to campaign with others to make this happen.

There will be a meeting on Saturday 18th April at 3pm to begin a campaign to make Rochdale a Living Wage town. St Chad’s Church, St Chad's Fold, Sparrow Hill, Rochdale, OL16 1QT- All welcome.

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Change of details/email addresses

If you have recently changed your details i.e. moved address or work location it is important you let the Branch Office know as we need to ensure our records are up to date , so you can receive all the relevant information from UNISON.

Rochdale Metropolitan Borough Trades Council

Rochdale Metropolitan Trades Council meets on the 3rd Wednesday of every month to discuss trade union issues relating both Local and National.

The Branch has 8 delegate places, 5 of which have been filled by Ian Sutcliffe, Jon Harding, Sam O'Brien, Richard Banks and Maureen Howarth. 3 delegate places remain which due to proportionality must be filled by females. If you are interested in becoming a delegate for the Trades Council or want some more information about this, please contact the office on 01706 925951/52 or email unison@rochdale.gov.uk

Don't Forget — Workers Memorial Day Tuesday 28th April 2015

Rochdale UNISON will be taking part in the annual commemoration of workers who are injured and killed as a result of hazards at work.

At 1:00pm on Tuesday 28th April a wreath will be laid by the Rochdale UNISON memorial tree in the Memorial Gardens opposite Rochdale Town Hall, along with two minutes silence as a mark of respect. All are welcome.

New pay campaign for 2015

Many UNISON members were disappointed with the way the pay dispute was ended last year. Rochdale UNISON was one of a number of branches to call for a special conference to discuss the pay campaign. The conference met on 24th March in London. The conference agreed to amend the local government service group's procedures to ensure that "meaningful, clear and transparent" consultation is carried out with branches.

It also called for at least one lay representative from the appropriate sector committees to have the opportunity to be involved in all pay negotiations.

Conference also called on the union to lodge an additional pay claim for 2015/16 with a settlement date of 1 April 2015 to include a Living Wage rate as the minimum pay and an equivalent flat rate pay increase to be applied to all other scale points. We will keep members informed about the next steps in the campaign.

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