

**Meeting Description:** WM7093 BRANCH MEETING

**Location:** The Sportsman bar/ GMeet

**Date:** 11<sup>TH</sup> Jan 2026

<b>ATTENDEES:</b>	Paul Purchase (Chair), David Green (Vice Chair), Ben Carr (Secretary/Treasurer), Rocky Brown (Equality officer), Lee Homer, Robert Palmer, Agapito Martinez, Gurvinder Singh, Darren Gardner, Joseph Simes, Sajeed Niazi, Andrew White, Zaheer Nawaz, Sunil Sethi, P.S Sensey, Steve Coleman, Sanil Banga, Rajpinder Sohal, Parminder Singh Thandi, Ben Whittingham. Online: Christopher Gray, Karen Sargeant, Szabolcs Vitalis, Ian McKenzie (guest)	
<b>APOLOGIES:</b>	Meeting Quorate Yes	
<b>PREVIOUS MINUTES:</b>	Approved: Yes	Matters arising: No
<b>AGENDA</b>	<b>Details:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Introductions</li> <li>2. Minutes of previous meeting</li> <li>3. Financial report</li> <li>4. Pay Negotiations</li> <li>5. Motions</li> <li>6. Any Other Business and Correspondence</li> </ol>	Branch Finances:£67,106
• <b>MOTIONS:</b>	(a) National Branch	The case was put forward to the membership from BC regarding the advantages of a national branch. It was explained that anybody who is currently in the branch nothing would change, it would basically mean that other

	<p>(b) Nominations for Executive Council</p>	<p>members of DPD could join our branch. This would help improve communication during pay ballots and any other important information members need to know about. It was also put to the members regarding this proposed move, that as we have a National Negotiation Committee and a national bargaining agreement, it would also make sense as every weekly employed member of staff at DPD across all sites is affected.</p> <p>It was also highlighted by BC that members of other branches would not automatically be moved into the national branch, they would have to be moved if they chose to after proper consultation from Unite.</p> <p>The Branch Secretary will ensure that the relevant people within Unite will be notified of our motion and push to get the status changed. It is noted with EC elections taking place, that there maybe a delay with this transition.</p> <p><b>Motion proposed by BC</b> <b>Seconded by PP</b> <b>Motion carried by: 23 votes</b></p> <p>The nominations for the National seats, West Mids seats and the Industrial sector seats were discussed and voted on who the branch wanted to back. These are as follows:</p> <p><b>Industrial Sector Seats</b> Andy Rafferty, Jamie Forsdyke <b>LGBT+</b> John Williams <b>BAEM</b> Susan Matthews <b>Disabled</b> Martyn Gwyther <b>Retired</b> Monica Taylor <b>Women</b> Faith Coker-Jarra <b>Young Members</b> Oisin Mulholland <b>West Mids</b> Collin Pedley, Daniel Taylor, Vanessa Williams</p>
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		<b>Motion proposed by PP</b> <b>Seconded by DG</b> <b>Motion carried by: 23 votes</b>  The Branch Secretary would ensure the necessary paperwork will be sent off ASAP.
<b>Any other business/ Correspondence</b>	<b>(a) Decision on Branch Day Out</b>	No decision has been made on a branch day out yet. More ideas were needed from the membership to be costed and put to the members at the next meeting. People on weekend shift patterns raised if something could be done to include them in the activities.
	<b>(b) Upcoming pay negotiations</b>	With pay negotiations coming up in the near future, ideas the branch members put forward some ideas for the NNC to discuss, these included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More holiday entitlement at average earnings</li> <li>• Paid breaks</li> <li>• Better sickness pay</li> <li>• Higher basic pay negotiated at a “percentage across the board”</li> </ul>
	<b>(c) Having to book BH off</b>	It was raised that some people have had to book BH off rather than just having them allocated as normal. This is something the reps would look into to get clarification.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2026 (location TBC)				
<b>SIGNED:</b>	<b>BRANCH SECRETARY</b>	<i>Benjamin Carr</i>	<b>CHAIR</b>	<i>Paul Purchase</i>