

Minute of the meeting of the National Joint Negotiating Committee (NJNC) – Central Committee held on Thursday 3 June 2021 (0900-1000), via Video Conference.

In Attendance	
Gary Bissett	Management Side
Anne Campbell	“ “
Sue Clyne	“ “
Jackie Galbraith	“ “
Debbie Kerr	“ “
Alex Linkston	“ “ (Chair)
Ross Martin	“ “
Alan Ritchie	“ “
Derek Smeall	“ “
David Watt	“ “
John Gallacher	Staff Side
Donny Gluckstein	“ “
Anne-Marie Harley	“ “
Eileen Imlah	“ “
John Kelly	“ “
Alison MacLean	“ “
Charlie Montgomery	“ “
Jim O’Donovan	“ “
Heather Stevenson	Management Side Secretary
Jillian Cheape	Secretariat
Stuart Brown	Staff Side Secretary
Susan Boyd	Zoom Administrator
Catherine McCreath	Note Taker

08/21 Welcome and Apologies

The Management Side chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone. Apologies were noted from Chris Greenshields, Staff Side.

09/21 Establishing a College Sector Strategic Partnership Forum

Following consultation with the College Principals’ Group and the Employers’ Association, Paper 1 provided detailed information on the proposal and purpose of establishing a College Sector Strategic Partnership Forum which was requested by the Staff Side at the Central Committee meeting in March 2021.

Both sides welcomed the paper and were in agreement that the forum be set up and supported working together.

Discussion took place regarding membership and the focus of the forum. Relationships to other groups, specially the College Recovery Group (CRG) and respective NJNC side tables, were also discussed.

The committee discussed the timing of meetings, provisionally agreeing bi-weekly meetings to coincide with the high level CRG group, with the first meeting taking place as soon as possible.

Both sides agreed that it would be up to the forum to collectively decide on their focus and what their processes should be, rather than waiting to set up meeting until these had been agreed.

Both sides provisionally agreed that the first meeting should be set up with an initial membership of four members of management, two full-time trade union officials and two lay representatives. It was also agreed that it would be appropriate to invite a representative from the Scottish Government and the NUS, but that it should not prevent initial meeting taking place while arranging representation. The forum will then collectively decide ongoing membership and attendees as required.

It was agreed, Jackie Galbraith, Stuart Brown and John Gallacher will draft a joint letter to the Scottish Government and NUS to invite representatives to attend the forum. A meeting date is to be arranged for an initial meeting to discuss the process/focus.

Jackie Galbraith also agreed to speak to Colleges Scotland Policy team about the possibility of secretariat support for forum.

10/21 Date of Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is due to take place in September 2021. Date to be confirmed. A schedule of meetings will be shared with the Staff Side Secretary.