**Minutes of the 133rd Annual General Meeting held 16th March 2010
at The Malthouse, Risbygate Street, Bury St Edmunds**

**A 01.10** Association President Alan Wright opened the AGM at 5.00pm and welcomed all those present.

**A 02.10** Present: Alan Wright (President), Linda Rutter (Secretary), Martin Goold (Treasurer), Rob Murray (Membership Secretary), Keith Borrett (H&S), Hope Gaskin (Equal Opportunities), Rebecca Green, Maire Armstrong, Marie Gibb, David Stothard (all committee), Peter Jones and Ian Nurcombe (KEGs), Steven Murphy (Thurston), Ziad Alzoghbi (Breckland), Di Kennedy (St Louis). Apologies were received from Peter Dunnett.

**A 03.10** **Minutes** Mr Goold proposed that “the minutes of the AGM held 10th March 2009 and the accompanying Secretaries Report which form part of the minutes, be agreed as a true record”. Mr Murray seconded and the motion was passed.

**A04.10** **Matters Arising**. There were no matters arising from the minutes.

**A05.10** The **Association Secretary** presented her written report for 2009 – 2010. She spoke briefly about the contents of the report and association activities in general, and remarked on the increase in committee membership which serves to make the committee stronger and more representative.

**A 06.10** The **Treasurer**, Mr Goold, presented his report accompanied by copies of the association accounts which are in good order. There is a healthy credit balance in the Association’s account due to the large membership of the Association and the fact that our income usually exceeds our expenditure. Not shown on the accounts was the expenditure on memory sticks as the bill had only just been received in its correct form, the £500 donation which we had agreed to make to St Felix Middle School following the fire, and the $200 donation to GUPT which it had not at the time been possible to forward safely.

**A 07.10** The **Membership** secretary, Mr Murray, reported that we currently have a membership of 965 across the whole of the education spectrum. Last summer 60 NQT packs were sent out and currently our NQT1 membership totals 43 with 29 NQT2.

**A 0810** Mr Wright reported on **Health and Safety**. In order to teach the practical subjects of food, science, and PE, teachers must have the necessary qualification, but it was felt that this was not the case in many schools. There is an issue in schools with intimate care and clarification is being sought that this is not a teacher’s job. The Union would like such care to be a 2 person task for the protection of those involved.

**A09.10** The **Division Secretary**, Graham White, was not able to be present but had forwarded a report for the AGM. The report dealt with two major aspects of casework in the Division this year – redundancies and SOR. There are redundancies mainly in middle schools this year. In Mildenhall it is possible that following SOR one middle school may be used as a KS3 annexe. There are gains and losses with re-organisation. Blackbourne who have announced redundancies continue to lose pupils to Ixworth. In SCC plans Ixworth will become an 11-16 school in order to avoid Thurston becoming too big. A recent news article reported that morale in middle schools was very low.

The only local Catholic middle and upper schools are based in Bury St Edmunds, but their feeder schools are in all three phases as they draw pupils from a wide area. This has meant that the closure date for St Louis middle has been brought forward (by the church authorities) to 2013, some four years earlier than other Bury middle schools are predicted to close. Catholic schools are generally felt to be keener on the staffing protocol than other schools.

**A 09.10** A report was received on the work of the **Teacher Support Network** which outlined the important role it plays. It was agreed to make the Association’s donation of £500 at Annual Conference.

**A 10.10** Secretary proposed “that the reports as given be accepted”. Mr Borrett seconded and the motion was passed unanimously.

**A 11.10** Treasurer proposed “that a fee of £74.50 be paid to each of the two current auditors, Mr N & Mrs M Freeman for auditing the accounts of the Bury St Edmunds and District Association accounts for the year ended 31st December 2009” This was seconded by Mrs Rutter and passed unanimously.

**A 12.10** Mr Wright proposed that the sustenance allowance for delegates to Annual Conference be paid at a rate of £100 a day up to a maximum of 5 days, in addition to travel costs incurred. Seconded by Mr Murray. Passed unanimously.

**A 13.10** Mr Goold proposed that honoraria be increased by 1.5%. This was seconded by Mr Wright and passed unanimously.

**A 14.10** Mr Dunnett was installed as President for 2010-11. In his absence Mr Goold, as a former President, took the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

**A 15.10** Mr & Mrs N Freeman were formally appointed as auditors of the Bury St Edmunds association for the year ending 31st December 2010. Mrs Rutter proposed “that the Association Scrutineers 2010-2011 be appointed if so required”. This was seconded by Miss Green and agreed.

**A 16.10** Mr Goold proposed that the Association make a donation of £250 to the Teacher Support Network. After discussion this amount was raised to £500 proposed by Mr Wright and seconded by Mrs Rutter. Agreed unanimously.

**A 17.10** Mr Goold proposed that a donation of $200 be made to GUPT if a secure method of payment could be found. After discussion the amount was raised to $500 with agreement that if a secure method of payment had not been found by Easter the money would be donated to MAP (Medical Aid for Palestine).

**A 18.10** No other motions having been submitted, and no matters declared urgent, the meeting was declared closed by Mr Goold at 6.15pm.

Notes to accompany the Minutes

**1.** **a) Officers 2010-2011 duly nominated and elected unopposed:**

 President Mr Peter Dunnett Retired

 Secretary Mrs Linda Rutter Teacher

 Treasurer Mr Martin Goold Home Tutor

 Membership Secretary Mr Rob Murray Teacher

 Health & Safety Mr Keith Borrett Teacher

 Equal Opportunities Ms Hope Gaskin Teacher

 **b) Late Nominations and Vacancies: Officers**

 Late Nominations: none

 Vacancies 2010-2011: Vice President, Assistant Secretary, Professional Unity,

Public Relations

**2.** **a) Committee Members 2010-2011 duly nominated and elected unopposed.**

 Miss Rebecca Green Teacher

 Ms Maire Anderson Teacher

 Ms Rosa Castellina Retired

 Ms Marie Gibb Teacher

 Mr David Stothard Teacher

 **b) Late Nominations and Vacancies**

 Late nominations: none

 Vacancies: 4 remain

**3. Delegates to National Conference 2010**

 Mrs Linda Rutter

 Mr Martin Goold

 Mr Keith Borrett

 Ms Hope Gaskin

**4. a) Delegates to Suffolk Division NUT Council 2010-2011 nominated and elected unopposed**

 Mrs Linda Rutter

 Mr Martin Goold

 Mr Peter Dunnett

 Mr Keith Borrett

 Ms Hope Gaskin

 **b) Late Nominations and Vacancies**

 Late Nominations: None

 Vacancies: 7 Vacancies remain

**5. Recommended Honoraria for year 2009-2010**

 Secretary £610.00

 Treasurer £203.00

 Assistant Secretary £135.00

 Membership Secretary £135.00

 Public Relations Officer £135.00

 Equal Opportunities Officer £135.00

 Health & Safety Officer £75.00

 Out Going President £61.00

Work done enabling distribution of communications to be paid at £15 per hour.

Child care allowance to be paid at an hourly rate equal to the adult minimum wage.