Treasures Report for 2019

This year we have seen a change in the funding for the branch with an increase on our monthly payments due to our geographic spread, Unison now has us listed as a national branch instead of a local branch.

In 2018 we received funding of £23,097.63 for the year and in 2019 the branch funding received was £26,675.04; this is an increase of £3,577.41. Until the final year accounts have been checked and signed off by Unison Central, we will not know for definite what the branch funding for 2020 will be but at the moment it is estimated to be £27,648.99 which is an estimated increase of £973.95.

The branch as also made some great savings, with the decision to not renew the mobile phone contract when it ended in July, we saved £1,655 for the remainder of the year. The branch also saved money by no longer having to pay expenses for JE, JNCC and other meetings with SEPA.

Each branch needs to keep a Low Reserve Level for £19.05 per member, for our branch it works out approximately £9,848.85, even deducting that amount the branch has sufficient funds for the year ahead.

With the National Delegate Conference being held in Brighton this year we can confidently expect to pay at least double for sending two delegates compared to what it cost last year but with the cancellation of the mobile phones and other savings the branch is in the financial position to be able to do this without a huge negative impact on the bank balance.

One of the bigger expenditures in 2019 was training, it increased from £300 in 2018 to £2,828 in 2019, this was down to having new officers in post requiring training and requested specialist training courses. I think as a branch, training is important and that should be available and if required savings can and will be found elsewhere although this is not necessary at present.

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