

JCR Meeting Minutes

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Short hands:

- POI = Point of Interest
 Q = Question
 A = Answer
 P/S = Proposer/Seconder

 Meeting Started: 19:11

 Attendance: 35 – quorum achieved (35).

1. Matters arising

Brodie: Hello everyone. We've got a new kettle and some supplies while the machine is out of order. Saul will explain that later. Make use of it whilst it's there and tell someone if its running low. Don't drink the milk just for milk – that's for Seth Dockery (naughty boy). Also, congratulations to everyone for making it to eighth week.

Saul: The coffee machine has been broken for a couple of weeks now. Some people in this room, including me, were being slightly silly in the JCR and Will played a horrendous shot into the coffee machine. The batsman, as he will be referred to. We do apologise for that. To settle all your nerves, most of the money will be coming straight out of our battles.

Brodie: The JCR won't be paying for any of it. That's the dean's choice.

3. Motions

a. Charity donation to Ernie's Angels and Child Bereavement

The JCR notes that:

- Ernie's Angels is a charity that aims to provide financial assistance via a grant for local families to assist with the palliative and funeral expenses of children within the Bailiwick of Guernsey.
- Guernsey is a small island just off of the coast of France and as such only has a small hospital making any complex or specialist care only accessible in Southampton which is a plane journey away, which makes it both financially stressful and difficult for close family who can't be with their loved ones in the hospital. The charity aims to be able to finance and

offset costs for travel, overseas care and funeral expenses, as well as assist in being awarded for services to organ donation.

- I have seen first-hand how these charities are able to help as recently I experienced my girlfriend having to go through this and can attest to how amazing the support has been for her whole family, not only in supporting them directly but also for assisting her family and allowing for them to be awarded the Order of St John's award for.
- There is limited support, both emotionally and financially for families and especially working parents who have had to experience the passing of a child in Guernsey and in the wider UK.
- However, I feel it will be beneficial and fair to split this between both a Guernsey and UK charity. Child Bereavement UK helps families to rebuild their lives when a child grieves or when a child dies. They support children and young people (up to the age of 25) when someone important to them has died or is not expected to live, and parents and the wider family when a baby or child of any age dies or is dying. They provide training to professionals in health and social care, education, emergency services and the voluntary and corporate sectors, equipping them to provide the best possible care to bereaved families.

The JCR believes that:

- As a JCR we should look to support people undergoing grief even if they are not able to be assisted by University welfare services
- Assisting with grief extends beyond just grief counselling and includes other ways to be supported, both financially and emotionally

The JCR resolves to:

- Donate £100 each to Ernie's Angels (Guernsey) and Child Bereavement (UK)

Proposer: Euan Simmonds

Secunder: Lenny Bailleux

P: Hi everyone, I don't know if you've read the motion. I'd like to get the JCR to donate some money to a charity Ernie's Angels, it's from Guernsey. It aims to provide financial assistance via grants to local families to assist with palliative and funeral expenses, for children within the Bailiwick of Guernsey. Guernsey is a small island just off the coast of France and as such only has a small hospital. This makes any complex specialist care only accessible in Southampton, which is a plane journey away. Which makes it quite hard for some people to get medical services and, especially if someone passes away abroad, its quite difficult. Funeral care, overseas care, etc. Recently I've seen it as someone very close to me passed away in the UK and they were very helpful. I think it would be beneficial if we gave it to not only Guernsey charity but split it with child bereavement UK, so it stays in the UK as well.

Clicks

Q: How much for?

P: £100 for each.

Friendly amendment to bump it to £250 each

Clicks

Against: 0

Abstain: 1

Motion passes

b. The Great Moccilgum

The JCR notes that:

- A student written and run film, The Great Moccilgum, will be shot in Oxford on the 5th and 7th March.
- The film is a unique story that follows a person with depression, whose doctor prescribes them to watch a show for that night, as it notoriously leaves every viewer smiling. The doctor talks through the show (cutting between the show and the doctor narrating). The film ends with the camera panning round to the patient who reveals that they are in fact the performer that the doctor prescribed them to watch.
- Grace - a Teddy Hall student - is involved as the Producer of this project.

The JCR believes that:

- Funding this film will support both the Teddy student arts and drama scene, as well as the Oxford community in general.
- Making quality amateur films is expensive. Funding provided by this JCR would allow the production team to pay for the locations, the rental of props, the use of high-quality technical equipment and the marketing of the project.
- It will be possible to view the film after it is made, which means that this funding will not only enrich those involved in the project, but also those who wish to watch the film after its release.
- The Oxford Drama Society and Oxford Film Foundation mainly function on JCRs across Oxford giving financial backing to projects. Without this funding, it becomes difficult to pursue artistic ventures.
- Supporting student artistic pursuits is an important aspect and role within JCRs across Oxford.

The JCR resolves to:

- Donate £50 to the production to go towards production design costs (mainly costume and props) and marketing.

Proposer: Grace Choi

Secunder: Charlotte Lai

P: Essentially, I'm making a short film right now. It's about this infamous performer who goes to a therapist's office and they're like nothings worked, so you should go see this performance. The

therapist doesn't know that she's the person in the show. If I could get £50 for production costs it would be very appreciated. We're a new production company so we don't have any money right now.

Q: Are you having a showing of the film?

P: We're having a screening in Trinity, hopefully in the O'Reilly theatre.

Q: Could we get a screening in the JCR?

P: I'd have to talk to the director, but I don't see why not.

Clicks

Q: Has the arts fund been sorted yet?

Brodie: I will be putting something on Facebook, so people know how the processes of meetings go. We say something in the JCR, and it needs to go to loads of meetings to be a constitutional amendment, which takes like 4 weeks. GB is tomorrow ish, so that's going to start next term.

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes

c. Speaker for the JCR

The JCR notes that:

- People like music.
- People like to drink and socialise whilst listening to music.
- -OTH events involve drinking and socialising.
- The JCR does not currently have a speaker.

The JCR believes that:

- We should buy a Bluetooth speaker for the JCR, particularly for -OTH events as well as other social events held in the JCR.
- This would improve the experience of all -OTH events and doesn't require one of the organisers to have one on hand (as me and Amy currently don't).

The JCR resolves to:

- Buy a speaker for the JCR (£20) (probably reimburse me to buy this)
- Keep the speaker in the JCR and for all users to plug it in to charge it after use.

Proposer: Harry McWilliam

Secunder: Amy Shaw

P: As you are probably aware, QOTH is tomorrow. We all love QOTH and all other -OTH events, but the JCR doesn't have a speaker at the minute, and we'd like one. That's pretty much it. We've already bought one actually so preferably would like to get that reimbursed.

Q: Would it belong to QOTH or the JCR?

P: The JCR and it is red so it would fit in.

Q: How much was it?

P: £20, I think.

Q: How loud is it? Can we get noise complaints?

P: I hope not. We'll just use it sensibly. Do you want noise complaints?

Q: It should be loud enough that we can dial it down.

P: Okay, honestly, we haven't used it yet. We'll find out tomorrow, so come to QOTH!

Q: For future events could we buy an expensive one, maybe £300.

Brodie: Can I move to do it next meeting, for £300 I want the treasurer involved.

Q: Would the charger for the speaker live in here?

P: Yes

Abstain: 1

Against: 1

Motion passes

d. Tankard for Saul

The JCR notes that:

- The chair is an important role.
- There has often been tradition of giving the chair a tankard.

The JCR believes that:

- It is often a thankless role.
- Gratitude is a good thing.

The JCR resolves to:

- Give Saul a tankard, inscribe it with his name and fill it with a drink of his choice.

Proposer: Brodie Weymouth

Secunder: Brittany Perera

P: Historically, we've given a tankard to the Chair as it's a thankless job usually. Getting pizza and controlling us is very important, so move to vote to give Saul a wonderful, beautiful tankard, engrave it and fill it with a drink of his choice.

Q: What will the drink of your choice be?

Chair: I think it might be a tinnie of Tetley's.

Friendly amendment to make the drink absinthe – rejected

Q: Are you going to drink this Tetley's in moderation? Or the absinthe?

Chair: It will be in moderation, over several days.

Against 2

Abstain 1

Motion passes

e. Colouring in

The JCR notes that:

- Exams are a stressful time.
- The puzzles in the library are popular.
- The JCR and the welfare room are nice spaces to hang out in and relax.
- Calm over chaos is a cool company.

The JCR believes that:

- Students should be able to chill and have a break away from their screens during exam season.
- Colouring in is fun.
- Colouring outside of the lines is unacceptable.
- We should support small businesses.
- Claire has great friends.

The JCR resolves to:

- Buy £100 worth of colouring books and pens from Calm over Chaos
 - This could get 6 books and 2 packs of colouring pens.
 - These books would be calm over chaos, be kind to your mind, and let us be better humans.
- Put these books and pens in the JCR and welfare room during exam season.

Proposer: Sarah Woodford

Secunder: Claire Mallon

P: Basically, Claire has a friend with a small business which produce these colouring books which are really cool. I want one, but also don't want to pay for it myself and I think everyone would like it. Lots of the money goes towards CARE4CALAIS which is something Claire is also associated with. I'd like to get some of these colouring books, put them in the JCR, the welfare room. So over exam season if people want to destress, they can do some colouring in. I think it'd be a really nice idea. I think the motion was for 6 books. And 2 things of cute colouring pens. It was £100, so that's that.

Q: Can we see some examples of your colouring in skills?

P: Absolutely, does it need to be provided now or can I show you later?

Q: Can you give us some colouring in knowledge right now, some trivia? What colours go well with other colours? If I was going to colour something maroon, what would I pair it with?

P: Nothing, it's a disgusting colour.

Gasps of horror

Chair: Sarah, do you want to try that again?

P: Gold. I love maroon!

Q: Will we have maroon and gold colouring pens?

P: I hope not, but fine.

Q: Is it colouring pencils or pens?

P: I was going to opt for pens as they're included if you get 3. They're cool pens, they're fancy pens. If you were to put in more money, I'd also get some pencils if that's what the people want.

Q: What brand are the pens?

P: I can't remember, but they're fancy, that's the part of the appeal. Also, the actual colouring books are cute, de-stress feminist books.

Q: What are the pictures?

P: Cool stuff about mental health, there's some feminist ones.

Brodie: Is one of them a tractor? If I was to colour my tractor green and yellow, what brand of tractor would it be?

P: Is no one going to help me? John Deere.

Q: Where are they going to live?

P: I think the welfare room might be better because it gets messy in here. I wouldn't be opposed to splitting them up since they're so many.

Clicks

Q: Could we take the money out of the welfare budget?

Chair: It can be a friendly amendment, but I think they're quite stretched though. So, we can say if it can come out of the welfare budget, it will.

Joss: To my knowledge of the budget, its being used for other things. Might have to come out of the main budget but ask.

Q: Can we stop the geographers from using the coloured pencils?

P: You can't stop us.

Against: 1

Abstain: 1

Motion passes

e. Sign Whitmarsh's cast

The JCR notes that:

- Alex Whitmarsh has broken his wrist.

The JCR believes that:

- Having a cast is cool.

The JCR resolves to:

- Buy Whitmarsh a marker pen so people can sign his cast and Pokémon cards.

Proposer: Alex Sarshar

Secunder: Michael Farrell

P: Can we get a pen so we can sign Whitmarsh's cast and his Pokémon cards.

Q: There are lots of pens there and Sarah's about to buy some pens so do we need more?

P: I was going to say, if they're as high quality as Sarah promises then I don't think the porous surface of a cast wouldn't be good for the nibs. I think we should get a separate pen.

Q: Can we draw whatever we want on Whitmarsh's cast?

Chair: I suppose with his consent, yes.

POI: The cast will be off by the start of next term so its paramount that this is bought.

P: We can Amazon Prime it.

Chair: Can we put a spending cap on this pen?

P: £4.99

Against: 16

Abstain: 1

Motion fails

f. Rename the JCR

The JCR notes that:

- The JCR is a very boring name.

The JCR believes that:

- We should rename the JCR.

The JCR resolves to:

- Rename the JCR (open to suggestions).
- Buy Pokémon cards to make the JCR more interesting.

Proposer: Abbie Leaver

Secunder: Finley Gers

S: I don't know. The JCR is a very boring name, rename the JCR. Open to suggestions, buy Pokémon cards to make the JCR more interesting.

Chair: Did you actually second this motion and you're okay to propose it?

S: Yes

Q: What suggestions did you have in mind?

S: Fingers CR. FCR.

Chair: Do we have the power to rename it?

Brodie: We could buy a plaque.

Q: Motion to split the motion into two. So, if the name doesn't pass, we can still get Pokémon cards.

Friendly amendment to split motion in two

Q: Could we buy a plaque for the door?

Chair: Would they let us put a plaque on the door?

Q: We have one right now.

Brodie: Considering the amount of people who do law, could we do associates of the junior common room?

Boos

Brodie: It was funny, I thought.

Q: Fingers Living Room, maybe? For the plaque.

Chair: I think this motion might need a bit of thought and maybe a name suggestion with the motion. So, bring it back next term when I don't have to chair.

Motion tabled

Chair: We can move onto questions for the Pokémon cards bit.

Friendly amendment to get deck of normal cards too

Chair: Can we put a cap on spending?

P: £20? I don't know anything about Pokémon.

Q: What is your favourite Pokémon? What number are they in the Pokédex? Why are they your favourite?

P: I've never played Pokémon.

Friendly amendment for £20 to spend on Pokémon cards, a deck of cards and YuGiOH! Cards.

Against: 17

Abstain: 0

Motion fails

g. Buy batsman Pokémon cards

The JCR notes that:

- JCR Cricket is no longer the respected institution it once was due to recent events.

The JCR believes that:

- The Batsman who played a slog to cow corner from a length delivery in one hand one bounce must be punished.

The JCR resolves to:

- Ban the batsman from all college sport until the coffee machine is fixed.
- Buy the batsman some Pokémon cards to fill his time with.

Proposer: Seth Dockery

Secunder: Will Murphy

S: The JCR notes that JCR cricket is no longer the respected institution it once was due to recent events. The JCR believes the batsman who played a slog to cow corner from a length delivery in one hand one bounce must be punished. The JCR resolves to ban the batsman from all college sport until the coffee machine is fixed. Also buy Pokémon cards to fill his time with.

Chair: Seeing as we just voted down buying some Pokémon cards, I think we can skip that bit and just vote on banning the batsman.

Brodie: We need to replace Will Murphy. So, friendly amendment to replace Will from all college sports with our bull of a night porter, Ali?

Chair: I think Ali has already agreed to play cricket in the summer.

Q: Will, what college sports have you done?

S: Rugby, which has cuppers next term. Darts, pool, cricket, football.

Q: Are you currently signed up for swimming cuppers?

S: I am, and this would ban me.

Against: 22

Abstain: 0

Motion fails

4. Any other business

a. Bookshelves in the JCR

Brodie: Two meetings ago there was a motion by Tom Coates to buy a new shelf. According to the minutes, it never went through. Me and Jack were looking and apparently it was tabled, so can we vote on it now?

Chair: How much was it?

Brodie: Still to be decided. Roughly £300 with a very nice folding door. And a 2-year warrantee. It's an Argos bookshelf. 3 reviews, 4 stars. Also, the ones from IKEA don't have free delivery – it's like £40 which is extortionate.

Q: It's a bit much to spend on a shelf.

Q: We've just spent £300 on perishable colouring pens and pencils.

POI: We just broke the coffee machine. This shelf is in a risky position.

Chair: JCR cricket won't happen again, probably for the next 10 years.

Friendly amendment to get a cheaper shelf up to £150 – rejected

POI: Jack said the £300 one was fine and well within budget.

Q: Is it for one or two shelves?

Coates: It's a stand-alone, pine premium bookshelf. Like a wardrobe.

Unfriendly amendment to get a cheaper shelf up to £150

Against: 13

Abstain: 0

Amendment fails

Against: 5

Abstain: 0

Motion passes

b. Applying for new Chair

Chair: I did say the deadline was last week to apply for Chair. But we've been incredibly unorganised so if you want to be Chair, message me or Brodie. We'll do interviews sometime this week, very rigorous interviews. Be prepared.

c. Netball tankard

Sarah: This a bit random, it probably should have been a motion. With netball, if you win cuppers, you get a tankard. But no one really cares about netball cuppers and we're about to win netball league, so this is a proposal to get Beth a tankard

Clicks

Coates: Could we also double it up to get the captain a tankard for the mighty 2s reserves.

Brodie: In future, any league win gets a tankard as well?

Chair: I think this is serious enough for its own motion. So, let's table it

Q: When is netball cuppers?

Sarah: Women's is first week/second week and mixed is sixth week. Just join the netball page. It's a good team!

d. Pool competition

Dan: If anyone's got pool competitions left to play, please hurry up and play them.

e. SEHA

Brodie: Two meetings ago we talked about the SEHA, which is the alumni community. WE voted to make the payment non-mandatory. Me and Antonin, the MCR president, went to a meeting a couple of days later and basically got completely grilled, a little bit bullied. It wasn't a fun thing. So, that wasn't successful. Then Adam thankfully took my place at a meeting two weeks ago with Antonin to discuss it.

Roble: The main thing is in total they get about £20k a year from the JCR and MCR. The £8 charges that are mandatory each term on battles add up to £24 per person, I won't bore you with the maths. It's a sizeable amount of money that we don't have a choice in. We're trying to look into different funding models, they were slightly more receptive. It's an ongoing conversation which Brodie is going to continue. They're slightly more open to looking into a different model by which we do it. Like an optional leavers gift, so when you leave you might pay £40 in one go. What you get in return is the water bottles that were here ages ago, the keep cups in freshers packs and stuff. They also organise the odd dinner for alumni in London which you'd have the option to be invited to and there might be one abroad. They do some good things and we learnt more about that. It's about being more aware of what they do and thinking about a more efficient way to get bang for our buck. I'm sure Brodie will do a good job next term continuing the conversation to make sure we're not paying for nothing.

Brodie: They are also still sitting on this lump of money that they're looking to spend. It's kind of a contradictory thing, they're taking our money, not letting us not give our money and have no idea what to spend it on. So, any suggestions, we'd have to split it with the MCR as well.

Roble: An idea which they liked is having a yearly BBQ in the graveyard that's free for everyone in the college. A big hall spirit thing that's regular year on year. They're really open to suggestions, they don't have a clue what to spend the money on.

Chair: I suppose any ideas you have, message them to Brodie.

Q: When you said you went to a meeting, who has the right to reject us leaving? Was it the college?

Brodie: Technically they don't have the right to reject us. Cathy is with us the whole way; the finance bursar Eleanor is too. We could technically say we're not paying you anymore. But they do organise fundraising things for college, which brings in a lot. Especially for new Norham. That's the last resort, we don't want to drop a nuke on them. We want to be more diplomatic about it. Pissing off our alumni community is putting us in bad straits for the next 10-15 years.

Q: Could we not just reduce the budget?

Brodie: They're whole thing is 'this is how it's always been, it's a legacy thing'. They're really stuck in their ways. They don't want to change but were trying to come up with a compromise. Which is a donation when you leave or something, to join, which is what Hilda's doing at the moment. Hopefully, by the end of Trinity we will sort it.