

St John's College Junior Common Room

The People's Republic of St Giles

Agenda for the 2nd meeting of Hilary Term 2019
27th January 2019, Larkin Room, 8.30pm

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Meeting began at 20:46. Joe opened the meeting by banging a wooden duck umbrella (the gavel was not present, sends apologies). The JCR thanked Leo Warburton for his cooking, and Joe remarked the attendance was great.

i/ Minutes from the Previous Meeting

Passed

ii/ Matters Arising from the Minutes

None

iii/ Reports from Officers, Reps, and Committees

a. President: Joe Sisson

There was no report from Joe, which was the headline of the written report. Joe had been chasing up the 'non-academic staff in the bar' issue (which he had sent out an email for shortly before the meeting started). Joe noted he has had many meetings with college staff on 'various things' and had met with the incoming OUSU (sic) presidential candidates, with interesting ideas discussed about JCR involvement in mental health and access. Joe will produce a more detailed report later.

b. Domestic Officers: Greg Howgego and Nicole Gray

Not present, apologies sent

c. International Students Officer: Caroline Caruso-Carter

Not present, apologies sent

d. Ethnic Minorities Officer: Karen Muperere

Not present

e. Bike Rep: Sebastian Towers

Not present

f. Charities Reps: Anya Fielding and Lachlann Hinley

Anya Fielding resigned from post.

g. Computer Reps: Zuza Patryas

Not present

h. Oxford SU Reps: Den de Barrøs and Asta Lewis

Joe didn't take either of the reps to the meeting in the week prior to this meeting, but noted they would be going this week. Asta resigned from post. Joe thanked Asta for her time in the role.

i. SJCTV Reps: Kevin Beeson and Gabriella Farah

Not present

j. Staff Liaison Reps: Safier Lewis, Bella Parker-Byatt and Noam Rosenbaum

Not present

iv/ Ratifications

- Art Rep – 2 vacancies

The JCR thanked George for all her contributions to the role, which have included life drawing and sorting out the JCR Art Collection.

Mungo Drake stood. He gave a short hust, noting he was very passionate about art.

Mungo Drake Elected new Art Rep. 0 against, 0 abstentions.

Ollie French noted he is also very passionate about art and Arts Week as well in a short hust.

Cas asked who the two Art Reps were, as they didn't introduce their names on hust. Anya noted that Ollie was her college son.

Ollie French elected new Art Rep. 0 against, 0 abstentions.

- Bike Rep – 1 vacancy (to serve alongside Sebastian Towers)

No one stands

- Charities Rep - 1 vacancy (to serve alongside Lachlann Hinley)

Freya Allery gave a short hust, giving a list of her experience with JCR Charity events last year and her goals for the role.

Freya elected new Charities Rep. 0 against, 0 abstentions.

- DVD Rep - 1 vacancy (to serve alongside Adem Berbic)

No one stands

- IT Rep – 1 vacancy (to serve alongside Zuza Patrya)

No one stands

- Oxford SU Reps - 1 vacancy (to serve alongside Den de Barros)

No one stands

- OUSU Council Third Vote - 1 vacancy

(This came after the Returning Officer Assistant ratification). *Joe gave an impassioned speech for a JCR member to come with him to Wadham. He noted in his earlier plea for an*

Oxford SU rep that the SU does great work with access and mental health, and that voting in meetings was fun. Lachlann Hinley gave a hust noting the importance of OUSU to the administration of the University, and John's having 2 people representatives. Lachlann strongly advocated his dedication to the role.

Lachlann Hinley elected new OUSU Third Vote. 0 against, 0 abstentions.

- Returning Officer Assistant

Sam Gunatilleke gave a short hust. He helped in a previous election which was scandal free and that the role had to be filled.

Sam Gunatilleke elected new Returning Officer. 0 against, 2 abstentions.

a/ The “Ranked Pair works too” Constitutional Motion

Proposer: Christopher Hughes (Returning Officer)

Seconded: Cas Burton (Treasurer)

This JCR noted that:

- a. The Returning Officer is currently mandated to use instant-runoff voting for JCR elections
- b. The last two JCR elections have been run on BallotBin.com, and the Returning Officer hopes to run subsequent elections on the same platform
- c. BallotBin.com does not support instant-runoff voting, but instead supports ranked pair

This JCR believes that:

- d. The ranked pair voting system is a viable alternative to instant-runoff voting

This JCR therefore resolves to:

- e. Insert in Standing Order Table 3, Section 7, after “instant-runoff (“Alternative Vote”) system” “or the ranked-pair system”

Passes NEMCON

v/ Items for Discussion

- Photos at Events - *Issy Stephens, Social Media Officer*

Issy Stephehns asked for opinions for how to change the Instagram from ‘a Day in the Life of Issy Stephens’. Issy received a few photos for the snow day, but would like to know how to better engage Officers and the general student body. Marco suggested that Officers and Reps could incorporate photo taking into their role, naming Bops and OUSU council as a good start. Joe said that the Officer focus would be a good approach. Chris asked the room whether anyone has asked the Principal Bursar for permission to take photos. Nobody answered. Joe noted that permission is needed for external events only.

- Non-Academic Staff in the Bar - *Alfie Deere-Hall, Vice-President*

Alfie Deere-Hall noted how the College email account sent round an email regarding non-academic staff not being allowed in the Bar past 7pm. He said how it is ridiculous that non-

academic staff have been banned without explanation. (Joe and Alfie had sent round a letter round to all JCR Members, which Alfe advocated for people to fill out). Joe noted that the JCR have been working closely with the MCR on the matter, and advocated for all members to fill out the form throughout the meeting, and by 5pm tomorrow at the latest. He noted that there is very little support for the idea from either the JCR or MCR. (At this point there was a short interlude for form filling). Alfie noted how we all want to see Big Nige in the bar (note, this is not the JCR's official position on the matter).

vi/ Passing of Charities Motions Nem Con

Joe noted how all Charities Motions will be passed Nem Con, meaning unless opposition was expressed the Charities Motion would automatically pass.

a/ Beat – “the UK’s Eating Disorder Charity” – Charities Motion

Proposer: Alice Cambridge

Seconded: Malika Saksena

This JCR notes that:

- a. Beat is the UK’s eating disorder charity. They are a champion, guide and friend to anyone affected by eating disorders, giving individuals experiencing an eating disorder and their loved ones a place where they feel listened to, supported and empowered.
- b. Eating disorders are serious mental health illnesses with an estimated 1.25 million people in the UK suffering. Anorexia Nervosa has the highest mortality rate of any mental health illness. It is estimated that there are currently 31,500 undergraduate students in the UK suffering from an eating disorder.
- c. Beat’s helplines and online support services operate 365 days a year, giving people a sympathetic ear and practical support to help them and their loved ones work towards recovery. Beat offers support through telephone, webchat, social media direct message and online support groups.

This JCR believes that:

- d. We need to support Beat’s vision of a society where fewer people suffer from eating disorders and where they can quickly access treatment.
- e. A donation of £300 could help Beat run 4 online support sessions and produce Beat’s ‘spot the signs’ posters.
- f. We also need to increase awareness of Beat on campus and thus encourage more students who are suffering to reach out to them for help.

This JCR therefore resolves to:

- g. Donate [£300] to Beat.

Passed NEMCON

b/ The “Support School Gambia” Charities Motion

Proposer: Alice Kish
Seconded: Philip Fernandes

This JCR notes that:

- a. "School Gambia" is a charity that supports a school in Farato, the Gambia. It caters for nearly 600 students aged 3-16 and provides them with an education that has led the school to achieve extremely successful results.
- b. The charity supports the local community, providing internet and study space for locals free of charge. It has solar panels to provide electricity for the school and to power a pump for their well. Any ongoing maintenance or building projects use local labour.
- c. "School Gambia" has a teacher training sponsorship programme, and any members of staff can apply for loans to better their standard of living. Teachers are encouraged to continue their professional development and the charity helps to fund this.

This JCR believes that:

- a. Whilst the number of schools available for children and young people in developing countries is increasing, the quality of education they receive during lessons remains in some areas very low quality.
- b. Instead of pouring money into the building of new schools, it is often more effective in the long term to invest in the training of teachers and those in senior management roles within existing institutions.
- c. St. John's College as an educational institute should look to aid charities that aim to improve the quality of education in less fortunate areas of the world.

This JCR therefore resolves to:

- a. Give [£300] to School Gambia

Passed NEMCON

c/ The "Kujali" Charities Motion

Proposer: Jahnavi Kalayil
Seconded: Harry Sugden

This JCR notes that:

- a. Kujali is a family run charity with the ethos of 'no middle man', believing in relieving poverty by providing and supporting effective care for orphaned children.
- b. Main projects involve advancing mainstream education and vocational training.
- c. Previous projects involved promoting good health by providing health care facilities.
- d. The beneficiaries are orphans and/or disabled children and young adults from East Africa.

This JCR believes that:

- e. The causes Kujali supports are important in developing the lives of those with no means to progress by themselves.
- f. A current project involving a school in Msambewni, Kenya will enable 34 children to re-attend school after a period of absence due to extreme poverty. Kujali provides the children with school fees and morning meals.

This JCR therefore resolves to:

- g. Donate [£300] to Kujali

Passed NEMCON

d/ The “H2O” Charities Motion

Proposer: Issy Stephens

Seconded: Lucy Denly

This JCR notes that:

- a. In rural regions of Kenya 8 out of 10 people lack access to water and sanitation
- b. This disproportionately affects women and girls as they are expected to fetch water sacrificing hours in school
- c. Dig Deep works exclusively in the Bomet and Narok counties, meaning it has specialist local knowledge and isn't just building a well and then leaving

This JCR believes that:

- d. Water is a basic human right
- e. Everyone deserves access to clean water and sanitation as provided by the charity Dig Deep

This JCR therefore resolves to:

- f. Donate [£300] to Dig Deep UK.

Passed NEMCON

e/ The “LIV Village” Charities Motion

Proposer: Samuel Saunderson

Seconded: Firdaus Mohandas

This JCR notes that:

- a. This charity adopts a long-term foster care model, housing, educating and caring for over 200 children, with the aim of providing a stable home for children from very difficult backgrounds.
- b. LIV Village houses roughly 4-8 children in each house accompanied by a 'mother' who is a full-time carer.
- c. Every child receives education, largely from the on-site LIV Village school – the most recent matriculants (A-level equivalent) achieved a 100% pass rate.

- d. The Village commits to eco-friendly goals already using solar water heating systems in every home, boreholes for irrigation and rain tanks. It also aims to create a sewage purification plant and to become sustained on solar electricity.

This JCR believes that:

- e. LIV Village is an important cause because it provides long term stable homes for some of the most vulnerable children in South Africa, whilst educating them in such a way as to give them a brighter future.
- f. Money would likely go towards the school (equipment and wages), towards improving housing facilities (washing, cooking, cleaning etc.) or towards bringing in new staff so as to increase the village's capacity to look after children.

This JCR therefore resolves to:

- g. Donate [£300] to LIV Village.

Passed NEMCON

f/ The “Doctors of the World at Oxford!” Charities Motion

Proposer: Lucy Denly

Seconded: Issy Stephens

This JCR notes that:

- a. Doctors of the World is an independent humanitarian movement working at home and abroad to empower excluded people to access healthcare, by providing medical care, strengthening health systems, sharing skills and training locally and address underlying barriers to healthcare. They strive to give a voice to the most marginalised, reporting on violence, injustice and unmet health needs.
- b. It is currently running an urgent appeal for refugees at the Bosnia/Croatia border, whom are being beaten, robbed and dehumanized, and need urgent physical and psychological treatment.
- c. The Oxford student-run branch focuses on fundraising for the important cause, and running events that raises awareness of the different issues it tries to combat both in the UK (for example in the case of the Windrush generation and the homeless) and abroad (e.g. refugees, civilians in war zones etc). We are currently trying to raise enough money to put on a paediatric health conference here in Oxford on the 3rd November.

This JCR believes that:

- d. Doctors of the World at Oxford's cause is important because it will allow them to put on the conference titled “Tackling Global Challenges and Child Health Inequality”, at which a number of high-profile physicians and researchers will be speaking about the work they do in trying to increase child health globally. They are not charging for entry for this event, as they would like as many people as possible to be able to come hence they can maximally spread awareness of these different issues. They are hoping however to use this conference as a way to publicise their campaign further, hence increasing participation at further speaker and fundraising events to support the brilliant charity that is Doctors of the World.

This JCR therefore resolves to:

- e. Donate [£300] to Doctors of the World at Oxford)

Passed NEMCON

f/ The “Nobody Likes to be Lonely” Charities Motion

Proposer: Harry Sugden, Entertainment Officer

Seconded: Jahnvi Kalayil, Women’s Officer

This JCR notes that:

- a. Contact the Elderly is a UK national charity which aims to help older people in tackling loneliness and making new connections to escape social isolation.
- b. Over 11,000 volunteers nationwide help Contact the Elderly to arrange monthly social events for groups of older people.
- c. Each social event is scheduled for the weekend (when older people are less likely to be able to access other community services), and attendees are collected in a volunteer’s car and welcomed into someone’s home.
- d. Contact the Elderly’s website does a great job at showing why the cause is important (<https://www.contact-the-elderly.org.uk/about-us>) and is the source of this information.

This JCR believes that:

- e. Contact the Elderly’s work is important given the UK’s ageing population in which 3.6 million older people live alone, 2 million of these aged 75+.
- f. It is saddening to know that around two fifths of older people say their television is their main source of company.

This JCR therefore resolves to

- g. Donate [£300] to Contact the Elderly

Passed NEMCON

g/ The “Parkinson’s UK” Charities Motion

Proposer: Lydia Ludlow

Seconded: Asta Lewis, Aoife Hegarty.

This JCR notes that:

- a. Parkinson’s disease is a neurological condition that has physical and mental symptoms. Parkinson’s UK’s mission is to ‘change attitudes, support one another and find a cure.’ The charity aims to help support the development of new drugs and treatments and to make society more ‘Parkinson’s friendly’ through education and support.

This JCR believes that:

- b. The cause is important between 145 000 people in the UK are diagnosed in the UK. This is roughly equivalent to one in 350 adults. The symptoms, which include tremor and motor problems; sleep problems; communication and speech problems; memory problems; anxiety and depression, can be hard to live with. Many people diagnosed with the condition feel very scared and they deserve to be supported.

This JCR therefore resolves to:

- a. Donate [£300] to Parkinson’s UK.

Passed NEMCON

h/ The “Support SolidariTee” Charities Motion

Proposer: Dina Khadum

Seconded: Mungo Drake

This JCR notes that:

- a. The ongoing refugee crisis is a serious issue directly affecting our community and, on a larger scale, our society.
- b. SolidariTee is a fundraising campaign supporting Mobile Info Team, and that Mobile Info Team is an NGO providing legal assistance to asylum seekers with a particular focus on family reunification.
- c. SolidariTee is an entirely voluntary, student-led operation at over 30 universities worldwide, with universities from Oxford to Edinburgh to UCLA, Columbia and the University of Sydney all pledging donations and selling t-shirts for the cause.
- d. A tenant of SolidariTee's vision is to assist students hoping to volunteer and possibly pursue a career in refugee aid, and that SolidariTee has facilitated the recruitment of ten students in legal aid NGOs.
- e. SolidariTee is committed to raising awareness around the refugee crisis and encouraging sustainable long-term student volunteering, through grants and stipends to the student community.
- f. One t-shirt equals one night of accommodation for a human rights lawyer doing pro-bono work in Greece.

This JCR believes that:

- g. SolidariTee has the potential to benefit members of the college through its grants and stipends to volunteers.
- h. The St. John's JCR and its members have a responsibility to be active, open members of the community.
- i. The University of Oxford has a strong and growing reputation for student activism, and the St. John's JCR has helped through donating to SolidariTee in the past

This JCR therefore resolves to:

- j. Donate [£300] to SolidariTee

Passed NEMCON

i/ The “Support our support services” Charities Motion

Proposer: Toni Busuttill

Seconded: Natalia Sudol

This JCR notes that:

- a. Life at university, though usually a positive experience, can be difficult for some people, and students commonly face difficulties including moving away from home,

- family and friends, the stress of their chosen course, financial problems, mental or physical illness, assault or bereavement
- b. Oxford Nightline is a confidential listening service run by students for students – the service provides trained anonymous student listeners available to talk and give information from 8pm-8am every night during term
 - c. Nightline has been supporting students for the last 45 years and this has only been possible thanks to the continued generosity of colleges, JCRs and MCRs in their donations which allows Nightline to meet costs including keeping the phones running, training new volunteers and publicising our service
 - d. Since launching a new online instant messaging service in 2016, the number of calls and visits received by Oxford Nightline per term has more than doubled and the organisation is looking to expand its rigorous training programme to meet this surge in demand

This JCR believes that:

- e. The service provided by Oxford Nightline is a valuable component of the university welfare system in addition to college welfare, by providing support for people who feel uncomfortable/hesitant going to college welfare officers late at night or would prefer to speak to someone anonymously outside of their college/department
- f. A donation to Oxford Nightline would greatly benefit members of this JCR by enabling this valuable service to continue supporting students

This JCR therefore resolves to:

- g. Donate [£300] to Oxford Nightline

Passed NEMCON

i/ The “Whizz-Kidz” Charities Motion

Proposer: Andrew Roszkowski

Seconded: Inès Gétaz

This JCR notes that:

- a. Whizz-Kidz provide disabled children with mobility equipment and organise opportunities to meet and have fun.
- b. It has been reported that the average NHS waiting time for a powered chair is two years or more – and there is no guarantee that children will receive a powered chair in many areas.
- c. Whizz-Kidz also offer a range of work placement and internship opportunities for young disabled persons aged 14-25 years old.
- d. Since 1990 Whizz-Kidz have helped transform the lives of over 20,000 disabled young persons.

This JCR believes that:

- e. Everybody deserves an equal opportunity in life.
- f. Having a disability should not preclude young persons from fulfilling their dreams.

This JCR therefore resolves to:

- g. Donate [£300] to Whizz-Kidz

Passed NEMCON

k/ The “Trans people are people too!” Charities Motion

Proposer: Cas Burton (JCR Treasurer)

Seconded: Chris Hughes (Returning Officer)

This JCR notes that:

- a. Mermaids is a charity that works with trans children, providing support for the children and their families.
- b. They work to reduce the rates of suicide and self-harm among trans children
- c. They work to improve the awareness and understanding of trans issues by GP’s, social services and other professionals.

This JCR believes that:

- d. With the recent rise of transphobia in the media, it’s important now more than ever to support trans children and their families.
- e. It’s important to fund Mermaids in particular, as recently a campaign was launched by transphobic people to get their lottery funding revoked.

This JCR therefore resolves to:

- f. Give [£300] to Mermaids

Passed NEMCON

All motions were passed without discussion or challenge. Cas told the committee how they will try to find charities by Google asking Proposers for information if the charity cannot be found if there are any problems. Cas noted that up to £300 will be received, but said that this was the most Charities Motions they had seen in a meeting. Accordingly, there is not enough in the Charities Account currently. They will also wait until the Charities Levy money from Hillary 2019 and Michaelmas 2018 comes in, to ensure that the £300 can be reached.

vii/ Agenda Items

a/ The “Dealing with Discounts Details” Constitutional Motion

Proposer: Leo Nasskau

Seconded: Isabel Pearse

This JCR notes that:

- a. Section 1.i.i of Standing Order Table 2 obliges the Discounts Officer to 'distribute a discount card to all new JCR members'.
- b. Section 1.i.ii of Standing Order Table 2 obliges the Discounts Officer to 'distribute them (the JCR Discount Card) to anyone who has paid the sum of £5 to the JCR scheme.'
- c. The website www.sjcdiscounts.com states that 'it (the Card) is available for students at St John's College, Oxford, as well as other Oxford colleges.'
- d. In Hilary Term 2009, a Discounts Card was distributed to all JCR members free of charge and cost £2 to replace.
- e. Today, a new Card costs £5 whilst a replacement card costs £3.
- f. One Card will cost no more than 20p to produce.

This JCR believes that:

- g. Those who have 'paid the sum of £5' for the Card are not necessarily those who are 'new JCR members'.
- h. Those who have 'paid the sum of £5 to the JCR scheme' are not necessarily those who attend St John's College or 'other Oxford colleges'.
- i. This creates a constitutional confusion whereby the Discounts Officer is *de jure* obliged to perform contradictory roles, at least one of which, logically, is impossible.
- j. This makes the role kinda tough.
- k. Charging £5 for a new Card and £3 for a replacement is an unnecessary burden upon students seeking to save money.
- l. The Discounts Card should be distributed to all members of the JCR for free, to all those from other Oxford colleges that request one for £2, and all should pay a £2 replacement fee to replace a Card.
- m. The Discounts Officer has a budget of £100 which could easily shoulder the cost of procuring Cards.

This JCR therefore resolves to:

- n. Replace Section 1.i.ii of Standing Order Table 2:

Advertises the Discount Card scheme at the annual Freshers' Fair, creating and distributing them to anyone who has paid the sum of £5 to the JCR scheme.

With:

*Advertises the Discount Card scheme at the annual Freshers' Fair, creating and distributing one Card each to all those who are either JCR/MCR (**amendment taken as friendly and added**) members or members of other Oxford colleges who have paid £2 to the JCR Scheme, whilst maintaining a list of all those to whom a Card has been delivered.*

- o. Create a Section 1.i.viii of Standing Order Table 2 stating that:

Is obliged in the event of a Card needing replacement to deliver a Card to anyone who fulfils the following criteria: they have requested a Card; they are on the list of those to whom a Card has been delivered; and they have paid the sum of £2 to the JCR scheme as a replacement fee.

Leo Nasskau told the JCR that the Constitution is set up unhelpfully in that it mandates the Discounts Officer to both sell the Discounts Card for £5 but also give it for free. This motion should give some clarity to proceedings. The new system will be made free for JCR members at John's (it was later decided that MCR members would be included in this, in an amendment put forward by Chris Hughes and accepted as friendly) and then £2 for other colleges and £2 as a replacement fee for all people.

Felix Walker asked whether the £5 last term can be refunded to which Leo replied that the £5 will be refunded for the 15 members for whom it replies. Lachlann suggested that this was not constitutional failing, but a personal failing in the last Discounts Officer, asking how Leo will investigate these failings. Joe noted that JCR Officers give lots of their time to their roles, and failing is a strong word. Leo replied that if the failings were not important, and that he would focus on doing his best in the role. Tom Ritter asked "what's the beef?" with the Discounts Card. It transpired the last Officer did not distribute the cards for those who paid.

*Cas Burton asked about the price for MCR members, to which Leo replied it would be free for all members of John's. Chris Hughes noted that MCR are not included in any provision within the Constitutional Motion, and so suggested an amendment to change the wording (**shown in the motion above**) accepted as a friendly amendment by Leo.*

Passed, 0 against, 0 abstentions

b/ The "Republic's Anthem" Standing Policy Motion

Proposer: Alfie Deere-Hall, Vice-President

Seconded: Benedict Gardner, Secretary

This JCR notes that:

- a. Numerous other colleges, notably St Peter's and Wadham, have a specific song that is played at the end of bops.
- b. The communal rendition of these songs is a defining and much-loved feature of these bops

This JCR believes that:

- c. An anthem would help strengthen college identity and camaraderie.
- d. It'd be a laugh to all bawl the lyrics to something at the end of bops.

This JCR therefore resolves to:

- e. Ask the JCR body to submit suggestions for an anthem which would end all future bops **and at the start of JCR meetings (Alfie accepts this amendment from Tom as friendly)** through a Google Form distributed by email and on the Facebook page.
- f. Shortlist the five most voted for songs and produce a second Google poll to determine an overall winner emerges.
- g. Subject to the results of the poll, add St John's official anthem to Standing Policy to stand as a belief for 3 years unless repealed

Motion passed, 3 against, 5 abstentions

*Alfie Deere-Hall noted that many colleges have anthems at the end of Bops, with Wadham singing Free Nelson Mandela, and would like St John's to follow suit to "spice up" it's "vanilla image". Felix then requested "I Don't Want to Miss a Thing" by Aerosmith, to which Alfie replied a poll would be undertaken - it wasn't an immediate vote. Tom asked what Alfie's personal preference, to which Alfie said Money Money Money by ABBA, but he is still decided on his preferred nomination. Issy asked what happens with the DJ in the last slot. Harry said the final bop slot could be amended to end at 12:57. Tom Ritter asked whether we could get the anthem played at the start of JCR meetings "like a true anthem". **(Alfie accepts this as friendly after the 'noise-o-meter' shows positive)**. Cas asked if this amendment will mandate people to sing, which it will not.*

Gemma Robson asked whether the anthem could be subject to change once selected. Alfie noted that, as a Standing Policy Motion, it would be subject to change on a 3 year basis. Benedict Gardner noted that the Motion can be repealed if sufficiently disliked, which Joe characterised as "the new fight of our time". Alfie summarised that he accepted Tom's amendment to be played at JCR meetings, but not Gemma's suggestion of a changeable anthem without Standing Policy repeal.

c/ The “What is all the flush about?” Standing Policy Motion

Proposer: Harry Sugden, Entertainment Officer

Seconded: Ankit Ranjan, Environment & Ethics Officer

This JCR notes that:

- a. Water usage has a ripple effect on the environment – it needs to be treated in order to be used and then treated after its use. Energy and chemicals are used throughout this process with money also spent on reservoirs and boreholes that alter and affect the natural environment.
- b. Water that goes straight down the drain and isn't needed for such flushing action is costly to water consumers, suppliers and most importantly the environment.
- c. A 'water hippo' can apparently reduce CO₂ emissions by 5kg per toilet (will have to assume this is per year... see <https://www.wearedonation.com/do-actions/cistern-saver/#energy-climate-change>)
- d. If not in other locations as well, the cisterns in the Museum Road houses seem to contain and flush out a vast amount of water for every single use. Most older (handle, rather than push-button) toilets are suitable to have their water usage addressed.

This JCR believes that:

- e. The solutions to extensive water usage in cisterns are simple, effective, and far from costly.
- f. Two 'water hippos' (while of course not the only available brand/product) cost just over £7. (https://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/B004QE25SQ/ref=cm_sw_em_r_mt_dp_U_d-6rCbNEKPQMJ)

This JCR therefore resolves to:

- g. Mandate the Environment & Ethics Officer to work with the college to, where possible, reduce water usage within cisterns.
- h. Add item g to the Standing Policy

Harry noted that he would like to mandate Ankit to encourage college to reduce water usage in college.

Adem Berbic asked about the function of 'a water hippo'. Benedict Gardner replied something that goes in the cistern to prevent excess water flow upon flushing.

Motion Passed, 0 against, 0 absentions

d/ The “Buy One Get One Free film” Financial Motion

Proposer: Izzy Kent

Seconded: Lev Crofts

This JCR notes that:

- a. Filmmaking in Oxford is an expensive but worthwhile activity for students in Oxford, whereas the cost would be prohibitive for an individual with the aid of a JCR motion it makes it possible for students. This film is a worthwhile student film which is about mental health. The cast and crew is heavily made up of students from St John’s – both the director and producer are members of the JCR.

This JCR believes that:

- b. The JCR could easily spare £150 to help fund the student film ‘Buy One Get One Free’ which will be made in 4th week.

This JCR therefore resolves to:

- c. Provide £150 to help fund the film from the Kendrew Arts Fund.

Izzy Kent noted how she is making a film this term, stressing the values and financial difficulties of student film making. Chris Hughes asked Cas Burton how much is left in the Kendrew Arts Fund. They replied that there is £800, enough for the Motions in this meeting, with last meeting taking 60% of the Kendrew Arts Fund.

Motion passed, 0 against, 1 abstention

d/ The “Save the Oxford Review of Books!” Financial Motion

Proposer: George Wilson

Seconded: Harry Sugden

This JCR notes that:

- a. The Oxford Review of Books has grown significantly since its creation in 2017
- b. We are finally stocked outside Oxford and have received support from prestigious literary figures
- c. However, due to inability to get advertising last term, the mag is in deficit and facing death
- d. We have secured extra advertising money this term to ensure this does not happen again
- e. Many St John's students are/have been involved, and the college benefits from free copies each term

This JCR believes that:

- f. The ORB is Oxford’s only really weighty termly cultural review that is stocked in shops, run exclusively by students
- g. So much work has already gone into getting it established in Oxford
- h. One cash boost would finally set the ORB up as a financially self-sufficient paper

This JCR therefore resolves to:

- i. Provide the Oxford Review of Books £300 one-off **from the Financial Motions budget (suggested by Joe, accepted as friendly)**, in exchange for a stack of the new issue's copies

George Wilson, Head Editor of the Oxford Review of Books for this term, told the JCR that the ORB often has John's members on the editorial committee and that 1000 copies are printed and sold in Blackwells and given out in free to St John's members. George noted that it is expensive to print, threatening the print run. She noted it would be a great shame to lose Oxford's only long form cultural review, offering John's a compensation of continued free copies. (Joe then suggested an Amendment to make clear in the Motion that the funding would come from the Financial Motions Budget. George accept this as friendly)

Lachlann Hinley asked whether it would be possible to get an official, standing subscription for the ORB. George noted that there has currently been an informal subscription of 60 copies per term for the last 2 terms when John's last funded ORB, and a continued subscription would be organised on the basis of this motion.

Motion passed, 0 against, 2 abstentions

e/ The "Pirandello's Henry IV Play" Financial Motion

Proposer: Lev Crofts

Seconded: Izzy Kent

This JCR notes that:

- a. A St. John's JCR member is Assistant Directing a play – Tom Stoppard's translation of *Pirandello's Henry IV*.
- b. The play is slightly short of its funding target and has so far been bolstered by other Oxford University JCRs.

This JCR believes that:

- c. St. John's JCR should be supporting the artistic endeavors of its students.
- d. Funding this play would send a message that St. John's JCR supports its members' artistic projects.
- e. Funding this play would allow it to come to life and further the production of the arts by members of St. John's college JCR.

This JCR therefore resolves to:

- f. Provide £200 from the Kendrew Arts Fund to contribute to this project.

Lev noted that he and friends are putting on a play, which has costs in securing recent use rights and expensive costumes, for which the play would need £200.

Motion passed, 0 against, 1 abstention

f/ The “Science is good for all!” Financial Motion

Proposer: Piotr Jedryszek

Seconded: Tomek Ponitka

This JCR notes that:

- a. Alpaca X-force helps students from all around the world to work on cool science/engineering/design projects
- b. By bringing different people together new innovative solution can be made to save our world, and this is what Alpaca does
- c. Alpaca actively is working with different kinds of sponsors to fund research and participation in different contests

Many St John’s JCR Members are involved in this motion (submitted by Chris, accepted as friendly)

This JCR believes that:

- d. Saving the world with science is a good thing to support

This JCR therefore resolves to:

- e. Provide £300 **from the Financial Motions Budget (submitted by Cas, accepted as friendly)** to Alpaca X-force

JCR is noted as a sponsor for all Alpaca X-force events (submitted by Marco, accepted as friendly)

Motion passed, 0 against, 9 abstentions.

*Piotr extolled the virtues of science and progress to help humanity. Alpaca X-force is an international student advanced concept team based in Oxford, which brings together international students to create change. They are currently working on projects including a suit to help paraplegic people to walk in a cost-effective manner. There is also a plastic pollution in the ocean, and an attempt to put together a University team for IGEM (International Genetically Engineered Machines competition). **Cas submitted an amendment to clarify the money will come from the Financial Motions Budget, which Piotr accepts as friendly.** Chris asked what the significance was to the charitable aims of the JCR. Piotr noted that he is a John’s JCR member, as are many other members of St John’s (**Piotr uses this a chance to advertise, as does Lev Crofts for his play**)*

*Felix Stocker raised a question about whether the funds would be best used here, rather than a charity working on a project like Cancer Research. Joe noted that the JCR cannot give money to registered Charities in any other form than Charities Motions. Piotr noted that Alpaca X-Force is not a for-profit business. Felix asked whether tax will be paid, to which Piotr says it won’t. Joe clarified with Piotr that this is not another registered Charity, which would cause the motion to fall (**it was clarified that this is a student society, and in fact not a Charity**). Marco noted*

that this was a Financial Motions budget, and was not related to Charitable work. Felix reiterated that he was dubious about the value of organisation's work.

Chris proposes an amendment to add the 'This JCR notes:' section that Alpaca X-Force contains multiple JCR members (accepted as friendly).

Marco Fabus proposed an amendment to add the 'This JCR notes:' section that outlines how the JCR logo will be used in all future Alpaca X-Force competition entries.

vii/ Any other business

Joe reiterated his thanks to Leo for cooking. Meeting closed at 21:34

Benedict Gardner
JCR Secretary
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