



# JCR Meeting 3.2 – 22-06-2021

Location: MS Teams

Agenda:

## Motions

Tennis Society Motion (1)

Careers & Alumni Relations Officer Motion (2)

Mixed Volleyball Motion (3)

HLM Motion for Elizabeth Archibald (4)

Boatclub Budget Proposal 2021-2022 (5)

Overall Budget 2021-22 (6)

## Elections

Social Chair (I)

Head Frep (I)

Fashion Show President (I)

SwD Rep (I)

PGM Treasurer, Year Abroad and Placement Rep, Bailey Wardrobe Manager,  
2x Sports and Societies Reporter, 1x SU Comm Member, PG Welfare Rep,  
Assistant SwD Rep, Assistant WCS Rep (II)

\*Minutes have not been circulated, so will be passed at next meeting\*



## Motions

### Tennis Society Motion (1)

#### This JCR Notes:

- Cuth's does not currently have a tennis society

#### This JCR Believes:

- That a tennis society would be invaluable to Cuth's
- Over the past year, despite restrictions and limitations, sport has played a key role in student experience, allowing members of Cuth's to meet new people and give different sports a go. Tennis is one example of this.
- As a sport, tennis would be a great addition to the college's selection of sports, allowing for both pairs and small groups to play together as well as wider tournaments between teams.
- Having access to the tennis court has given many students the chance to keep practicing tennis, take a break from their studies or even try it for the first time. The formation of a tennis society would only enhance this.
- A relaxed and inclusive structure will encourage participants of all abilities, providing company for members to practice or potential for more competitive games
- We have spoken to students in other colleges who are also keen for inter-collegiate competition, offering a chance to meet like-minded people from across the university.

#### This JCR Resolves:

- To establish a Tennis Society for members of St Cuthbert's Society and organise weekly tennis sessions
- To enable members of college to meet with different people by participate in within and inter-college competitions
- To actively encourage new, inspiring tennis players from current and future members of the college

**Proposer:** CT

**Seconder:** SB, DH, SS, FT, HC, GA, TS, BH, OW, DL, KTE, ES, JD, TC, MW

### Discussion

MW spontaneously seconds the motion

MW This motion makes sense, one existed in the past but it faded out. This is good for the JCR

\*No questions\*



\*No amendments\*

\*No opposition\*

\*Motion passes on a general aye\*

## Careers & Alumni Relations Officer Motion (2)

### This JCR Notes:

- We do not currently have a JCR position responsible for maintaining relations with the Alumni Association, aside from the President
- All careers and alumni related work currently falls to college and the Alumni Association

### This JCR Believes:

- The relationship between the JCR and the Alumni Association is a beneficial one, and would be strengthened by a student taking much responsibility for it
- The Alumni Association would be better able to support current students and alumni with a better connection to the JCR
- A dedicated JCR position to maintaining relations with the Alumni Association, working with college to coordinate careers talks etc will mean that our relations will be more consistent and stable and that we can develop an effective programme

### This JCR Orders:

#### **Positions in the JCR**

18.8. Careers & Alumni Relations Officer

18.8.1. Elected via: Method I, Meeting 3.1

18.8.2 Their duties shall be:

- 1) To maintain relations with the Alumni Association, and liaise with them regarding shared events, fundraisers, and anything else they deem relevant,
- 2) To attend Alumni Association meetings as agreed with the Association President,
- 3) To keep in contact with the College Vice-Principal and help organise careers talks and events, and
- 4) To develop a careers & alumni section on the JCR Website.

**Proposer:** SWC

**Secunder:** AJ

### Discussion



SWC No clear person that has this responsibility. I think we need to have someone dedicated to this. Not that bothered about how the role fits into the JCR, but I think it needs to have SOMEONE with responsibility.

MP Have things changed at all from 2 years ago? (When a college stopped having an alumni officer, and it was first floated that a similar position was proposed informally).

SWC It's done by college – but what we want from alums is different. I don't think we are getting enough from alum, and I think we could do things better than college. We could be better for recent alums.

MP Could this be done by the FCO? To me this seems not too fun so it should go to an employee.

SWC It could go into the FCO? It's technically part of my role but it gets pushed down lists, there is a kind of structure that someone with this role could do – me and MW just don't have the time. Other colleges such as grey have been successful with this system. It brings people into the JCR that wouldn't otherwise have a position – big fans of LinkedIn, Networking fiends – it's a good position in that regard. Better to try to have it as an individual position. Makes sense to try.

\*No further questions\*

AW I think it should be a method II position.

\*No questions on the amendment\*

\*No opposition to the amendment\*

\*Amendment passes on a general aye\*

\*No questions on the amended motion\*

\*No further amendments\*

AW opposes the amended motion

AW I don't feel super strongly – but I don't think we have a need for another position – I think we have too many. I think the exec is misbalanced. I think we are underperforming in many areas – this is connected to publicity. This role could be done on the exec by jiggling around public responsibilities. This is a big responsibility. More productive path forward is rejigging next year.

Voted for over MS Teams, Motion Passes



## Mixed Volleyball Motion (3)

### This JCR Notes:

- Cuth's does not have a volleyball society.

### This JCR Believes:

- Cuth's would greatly benefit from having a volleyball society.
- Mixed volleyball is widely popular, and accessible to everyone, no matter experience or ability.
- It will provide opportunities for all to engage in sport and society events like socials. This will encourage everyone to get to know new people, which is vital given the year of disruption we have had.
- Volleyball is currently expanding at college level. There will be chance to participate in relaxed training sessions as well as more competitive intercollegiate fixtures next year.

### This JCR Resolves:

- To establish St. Cuthbert's Mixed Volleyball, open to any member of Cuth's JCR.

**Proposer:** JoP

**Seconders:** CW, DA, KD, WB, SB, JG, BP, BJ, KK, SI, JL, NC, JW, MM

### Discussion

JoP Everyone loves volleyball, interest is there. Bring back the volleyball. There is a new college coordinator, so we shouldn't miss out.

\*No questions\*

\*No amendments\*

\*No opposition\*

Motion passes on a general aye



## HLM Motion for Elizabeth Archibald (4)

### This JCR Notes:

- That Elizabeth Archibald is retiring after nine years of service to St Cuthbert's Society

### This JCR Believes:

- That Elizabeth Archibald is a well-loved figure in Cuth's
- That Elizabeth Archibald has done a great deal for the culture of Cuth's and the experience of the students here
- That Elizabeth Archibald has gone above and beyond to support the endeavours of the JCR year after year, even in the most challenging of circumstances

### This JCR Resolves:

- To bestow upon Elizabeth Archibald honorary lifetime membership of St Cuthbert's Society JCR

**Proposer:** SWC

**Seconders:** JS, TB, MW, MP, AK, EMa, SM, RJ, EM, JC, AW, ESw, ES, AnJ

### Discussion

SWC It's not a given that college principals are this good – but Elizabeth has always been behind us. Part of why the JCR is as good as it is. Would be a nice gesture. Many former cuth's presidents have agreed to second this motion. She would probably appreciate this.

AW Do we keep a record of HLMs?

SWC I believe it is the responsibility of the Chair or the FCO.

MW I have a record.

\*No further questions\*

\*No amendments\*

\*No opposition\*



Motion passes on an ecstatic general aye

### Boatclub Budget Proposal 2021-2022 (5)

See attached file

Proposer: JR

Seconder: MP

#### Discussion

JR We want to spend down our deserves – once reclaims are in they will start decreasing. We have a plan to make a 5-Year-Plan, purchases do depend on the market. Depends on if something in our price range comes about. Subs are therefore massively down.

\*No questions\*

\*No amendments\*

\*No opposition\*

Budget passes on a general aye

### Overall Budget 2021-22 (6)

See drive

**Proposer:** MW

**Seconder:** MP, KM, EMO

#### Discussion

MW Largely the same as last year but reflects all the changes from last meeting. Boatclub will have to be added. In terms of everything else I asked committee chairs if they wanted larger budgets, everything else passed throughout the year. In the admin column we have



changed bookkeeping software, which is slightly more expensive, I have changed levies to be better safe than sorry. We should be going into the reserves, so net is negative.

\*No questions\*

\*No amendments\*

\*No opposition\*

Budget passes on a general aye

## The Raffle

1<sup>st</sup> Prize – Signed pic of GovComm – Winner SGo, who is overjoyed

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - ECB<sup>1</sup> - Winner GG – the 7<sup>th</sup> owner of the ECBs, which have a week left before they expire.

## Elections

### Social Chair (I)

Candidates: EW, RON

EW's Hust

- 2 years on social chair
- Reconnecting with college – a hard year to feel like a proper member.
- Planned refreshers week
- Weeklong with day and night-time activities – pub quizzes and silent discos – for all years
- Try to get as big of a ball as possible – try to get as many recent grads as possible
- Start events such as Oktoberfest which were promised in the past
- Got experience. Can manage deadlines and priorities
- Not super artistic but willing to do the groundwork
- Try to get current first years to apply.

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<sup>1</sup> Extremely Chocolatey Biscuits





- Closer collaboration with Outreach and charity
- Keep events affordable and fun.
- Prep this year, knows how to make backup plans.

### Questions

MW When you're a finalist you are busy, how would you balance?

EW Humanities – lots of flexibility and I have a coffee addiction – prioritise deadlines. Early delegation. Organise myself to ensure things are done.

MP Scenario: a food truck pulls out last minute for Cuth's Day – what do you do?

EW I try to have backup plans. Try to keep in contact with vendors – if something like that does happen, we should be able to minimize the risk.

SWC What would you do to make sure that events are accessible and inclusive?

EW Maintain subsidies. I think we need to get as much input as possible for the first year back – not every event has to be super expensive. Reflect the needs of the community at large.

AW How will you deal with very few people having gone to summer ball or cuths day in normal capacity?

EW I've never been, but I think I have a good relationship with older years, take input. Maintain what happened in the past but see how they happen. Mix of past, present and new ideas. I have helped set up for one that didn't happen.

To be voted on online

### Head Frep (I)

Candidates: JR, RON

JR's hust

- 3<sup>rd</sup> year compsci current head frep
- This year was different with usual
- Constant restriction change, local lockdown midway through frepping
- Much more time to support this year
- Have been a normal frep and have been on exec



- New ideas this year
- I want to bring the good back but remember what is new
- While I'd have liked someone else have a go, I'm excited to give it another go
- Frep breakrooms to help chill
- Remind freps of support network. Ensure people know they have support
- Events usually have a drinking/non-drinking – but I would change this distinction
- Change the day events
- Big emphasis on the frep socials and formal

MP What is your favourite memory of fresher's week this year?

JR Move in day, thought the banners were good.

JC What is your view on how much should freps drink while frepping?

JR Traditionally 2 drinks rules – hard one to answer as everyone is an adult and knows their tolerance – we tell team leaders that they shouldn't mother them – but keep an eye on them. I think people should be responsible. Not fond of being strict on it.

EM For frep social – what would your dream social be?

JR I can't think of a theme – but I like game socials. I'd like to do one of them. 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> night of prep week. Perhaps I would be the task master.

## Fashion Show President (I)

Candidates: KB, RON

KB's hust

- 2<sup>nd</sup> year law, sponsorship officer this year – understand the role and responsibilities are
- Excited to take on this role. Think it's a great event. I'd like to do more fundraising outside of the event – model challenges, which could raise more.
- Create promo videos to push theme and to have a bit of fun.
- More socials for models and exec. Current idea for theme is city lights, la la land vibes, broad but will be narrowed down
- Action foundation for refugees would be a good charity, but I'd listen to other ideas.
- Excited for the role, and hope you are too!

KB in abstentia, so no questions.

## SwD Rep (I)



Candidates: DB, RON

DB's hust

- 1<sup>st</sup> year law
- Involved
- Would make self known
- Run talks to introduce thinks
- Awareness and destigmatisation
- Ensure people can apply for grands
- Ensure that people have training to help with mental health
- Consider mental and physical disabilities.
- Support systems are key
- Make things accessible for neurodivergent people
- Want to make myself know
- Personal and approachable.
- Get in touch if there are any questions

SGo I was SwD this year. It's a lot of committee stuff and being self motivated – are you independent, can you manage time?

DB I did a leadership course. Taken on commitments this year and have followed through. Meticulous planner. Have specific plans.

### Student Trustee (x3) (I)

Candidates: KBr, JC, NT, BT, RON

KBr

- Involved as environment chair
- Didn't plan for it, committed to sustainability
- See how much of an impact
- Eager of having a look at the structural network
- No radical overhaul.
- Wasn't immediately sure of what it does, but have understood it.
- Can be obscure – if elected I'd improve visibility. Engagement is limited, we need to make sure we are bureaucratic Improve accountability.
- Have got to know people from across the years.
- Have had leadership roles, responsible and reliable.

JC's Hust

- 2<sup>nd</sup> degree, 7 years
- 5 years on the exec – knows the internal workings.
- Attended meetings as treasurer and as vp



- Understands how the JCR functions
- Understands the financial and ministerial side
- JCR already runs efficiently. Most of the work should be invisible – no big promises
- Dedication and hard work
- Admin and paperwork will be done quickly and efficiently
- Ensure sustainability
- Make sure that voices are heard, from my experience across the JCR
- Make sure to speak directly to a range of other students.
- Might be an unusual year. Need to bounce back. And have a good time
- Hard task, not just for trustees, but trustees will have to look to the future to ensure that we make the most of the financial situation we are in.

#### NT's hust

- Law student, primarily involved in legal and financial
- Been on committees in 6<sup>th</sup> form, and held student led debates
- Organised charitable events.
- Promise not to stay quiet.
- Grown to love being at cuths
- Ran for P&R officer, been appointed as a bar supervisor.
- Want charity to be run to benefit members. Will put effort in
- Will work hard to ensure we develop in the right direction.
- Want to practice and build upon what I have learnt in law
- Need to create more accessibility – need more transparency, to remove jargon
- Need to make a simple trustee communication system. Ensure that all meetings are attended and minutes are posted.

#### BT's Hust

- 2<sup>nd</sup> year historian JCR chair
- Trustees sit on the board for the charity, ensure compliance, ensure debates are heard, ensure aims
- Passionate about community. No stranger to responsibilities.
- 5 Sports and Socs exec, member of many.
- Approachable and representative.
- Experienced – JRO/chair in govcomm
- Understand how it works, makes sense to have someone on the board who knows how it was under covid
- Knows budgets
- If elected, visibility – drop ins, social media presence. Ensure minutes are published. Ensure that we have a say in how the JCR is ran.
- Give advice

#### Questions



SWC While a lot of you talked about being front facing, a lot of the role is about oversight. Interested if any of you have a more structural position?

BT In terms of structural oversight, make sure charity is moving in the right direction. Ensure exec make decisions in the interests of the broader JCR.

NT Needs a lot of attention to detail, ensure our actions reflect the JCR.

JC On the structural front we need strategy, medium term. Next 5 years, re-find identity, reintegrate people, find a way to do this in a sustainable way. Review policies and procedures.

KBr Challenging months ahead, we need to come out of a crazy year – trustee meetings have shown that every issue that has been addressed is approached from all angles.

SP How would you raise visibility from a behind the scene position?

NT A lot of people that have already been in the JCR a year don't know it, and an extra push in freshers? Make sure things are published – something on Instagram. Let people drop questions and know what's going on.

JC Raising visibility, be on it in sending in regular reports. Be speaking to people. Be at sports and socs, be at cuths bar – bring it up on a personal level.

KBr Similar to JC – make sure people can reach us if needed. Make sure that there is clear communication with students. As a current first year I'm in a good position to understand this.

BT A lot already covered. I like drop ins. SRO/trustees did a joint one in the past. 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of term trustees should give reports. I enjoyed frepping and sports and socs, be seen as an ordinary member.

KM On the board there are 6 external trustees – they can disagree with student voices – how would you deal with being outnumbered when promoting student interest?

JC Even if we are pushing against, we should be looking out for the student interest. They are reasons they will think things, I should understand that, after that I would then be able to formulate a strong argument.

KBr Not always 1v1 on opinions, I'll stand my ground, but they may have more experience and understand things differently. Often a compromise is possible.

BT Understand both perspectives – direct dichotomies aren't always there – find compromise and meet in the middle. The board are working with us ultimately.

NT All striving for the same aim, should have some give and take. There will be experience from them, persevere, fight for what you believe in.



DT The trustees should fight for our charitable aims, what are they, how would you achieve this?

KBr Support the needs/experiences of students, maintain a welcoming community, keep things sustainable in short and long term, don't be exclusionary.

BT Fundamentally making student life as fun as possible, provide social cultural activities that better lives.

NT Promote interests and welfare, sports, and recreation, recognise the channel between cuths and external bodies, keep doing what we're doing.

JC I actually said them in my hust – welfare, interest, sports and socs.

All to be voted on online

PGM Treasurer, Year Abroad and Placement Rep, Bailey Wardrobe Manager, 2x Sports and Societies Reporter, 1x SU Comm Member, PG Welfare Rep, Assistant SwD Rep, Assistant WCS Rep (II) – no candidates for any of them

\*Meeting Adjourned\*