



JCR Meeting 3.3 - 19-06-2022

Attendance: Very few

Apologies: Even fewer than those in attendance

Absent: Mostly everyone and I wish I was too

Location: House 12 garden, everyone looks terrible and hungover x

Agenda:

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Keeper of the Couplets (IV)

Wincrete Memorial Trophy

Minutes Pass

JC: EM is a silly bitch put that in

EM: I am a silly bitch but please don't put that in



Exec Reports

No reports because it's the day after Cuth's day, everyone forgot and barely anyone is here x

Motions

HLM for JR Motion

This JCR Notes:

- JR is graduating this year and does not currently hold Honorary Life Membership
- JR has served as Facilities Manager, webmaster, Head Frep and Boat Club Captain

This JCR Believes:

- JR has made an exceptional contribution to the JCR during his time at Cuth's
- JR has carried out several demanding and challenging roles in a range of difficult circumstances
- JR contributions to the boat club have made fundamental changes to its structure which will continue to benefit Cuth's students for many years
- JR work as boat club captain has made it significantly more financially accessible
- JR deserves Honorary Life Membership to the JCR

This JCR Resolves:

- To grant JR Honorary Life Membership of the JCR

Proposer: TB

Seconded: JC, SG, ZH, BT, JRe, MR, PA, JW, MF, ML, CT, AC, AB, MB

Discussion

JC: JR has been an exceptional member of the JCR, contributed a lot and been involved a lot in webmaster, head frep, boat club. Boat club is a big task and has transformed the boat club, making it more accessible and there

AW Procedural motion: I would suggest we postpone voting till 1.1 as not many are here, we need an agenda circulated in advance but I think we discuss can discuss now but hold off voting on all HLMs till meeting 1.1 next year

JC: If delaying voting, will we have another discussion surely

AW: Yes but should still discuss now too

JC opposes

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JC: I respect why but I think it would be better to do it now while the people who know them are around and I think it would be nice to grant before they graduate

Procedural motion did not pass

No further questions

No further amendments

To be voted on by show of hands

Motion passed

HLM for EW Motion

This JCR Notes:

- EW is graduating this year and does not currently have Honorary Life Membership
- EW has served as Social Chair, bringing back events that she has never attended, was a social comm member for two years, and has transformed the events she has helped organise.

This JCR Believes:

- EW has made an exceptional contribution to the JCR during her time at Cuth's
- EW has carried out one of the most demanding and challenging roles in a year post covid
- EW's work as social chair has made balls and events more financially accessible for the future
- EW deserves Honorary Life Membership to the JCR

This JCR Resolves:

- To grant EW Honorary Life Membership of the JCR

Proposer: KM

Seconders: JS, LR, SR, EH, WM, SB, SU, IS, IM, JC, HC, MA, JF, CL

Discussion

KM: EW has gone above and beyond in her role and has created a lasting legacy of events and how we do the Durham grant discount, the funds idea was all hers she just asked me to put it on a motion. Having been one of the most dedicated social comm members in her first two years and then done the most incredible job as social chair I believe she deserves a HLM for that but also the positive impact EW has made on the community. She has always been someone who has represented the Society incredibly throughout her time and yeah



No questions

No amendments

No opposition

Motion Passed

HLM for CH Motion

This JCR Notes:

- CH is graduating this year and does not currently have Honorary Life Membership
- CH has served as LGBTQ+ Rep, LGBTQ+ Society President, Assistant LGBTQ+ Rep as well as holding exec positions in SCSWRFC as Team Captain

This JCR Believes:

- CH has made an exceptional contribution to the JCR during her time at Cuth's
- CH has carried out an extremely demanding and challenging role in a year post covid
- CH's work as LGBTQ+ Rep has made a huge impact on the LGBTQ+ community and re-connected the community post covid
- CH has worked tirelessly in her role to improve the JCR and the wider college community too
- CH deserves Honorary Life Membership to the JCR

This JCR Resolves:

- To grant CH Honorary Life Membership of the JCR

Proposer: JS

Seconder: KM, MA, LJ, DM, EW, GT, CW, IH, TF, HC, CB, SM, SO, SB

Discussion

JS: CH is a queen, has excelled in all aspects she has been a part of including rugby and has really reinvigorated the lgbtq society and community as well as being fundamental to the setup of EDI comm which will bring about tangible change

No questions

No amendments

No opposition

Motion Passed

HLM for EM Motion

This JCR Notes:

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- EM is graduating this year and does not currently have Honorary Life Membership
- EM has served as Students with Disabilities Rep, Student Trustee, Stool and Chair

This JCR Believes:

- EM has made an outstanding contribution to the JCR over his time at Cuth's
- EM has been consistently dedicated to improving the Cuth's community and making the JCR more accessible
- EM has carried out a significant number of behind-the-scenes roles, in which he worked very hard out of sight of many JCR members
- EM has had a significant long-term impact on the governance structures of the JCR
- EM's contribution to the JCR outside of elected positions has helped maintain community spirit and preserve Cuth's tradition
- EM deserves Honorary Life Membership to the JCR

This JCR Resolves:

- To grant EM Honorary Life Membership of the JCR

Proposer: JC

Seconders: MR, MF, SG, CK, SM, JRe, JW, AB, MB, AF, ML, AC, CT, ZH

Discussion

JC: EM has been great, making it more accessible through SWD and trustee and then began his behind the scenes work in governance and has continued as stool and chair and that has a real impact on what goes on. He has maintained a lot of traditions when it would be extremely easy to lose them

No questions

No amendments

No opposition

Motion passed



Elections

SWD Rep (I)

Candidates: SS, RON

SS: I am a first year maths student and would like to run. The rep this year helped me a lot particularly in freshers and I would like to continue that and do the arts and crafts. I would like to collaborate with other colleges, more socials and have discussion around the pots and pans during freshers as I don't like them

CL: SWD represents a wide range of disabilities, as someone who doesn't represent all how will you represent others?

SS: I will talk to them, I am autistic but even autism is so wide ranging and I often talk to others who experience it differently

JS: As part of being a minority rep you have contact with college, do you have anything you'd want to discuss with college doing differently?

SS: It feels bailey oriented and with SWD mobility issues it is very difficult

LJ: How would you improve awareness about spreading information on student support?

SS: Most of the time just talking about how you interact with things in durham lets people know how you experience things and there's rooms in the lib that some people don't know about and that stuff is just good to know

To be voted online

Environment Rep (I)

Candidates: CT, RON

CT: Hi, my name is Charis Thompson. I am a third-year biology student, current Cuth's Gardening President, and am running to be your Environment Rep!

Firstly, I would like to apologise for not being able to attend this meeting in person. I hope that my in absentia hust does my ideas some justice and is enough to show you how passionate I am in running for this role.

This year, getting involved with Gardening has given me a lot of insight into the environmental issues currently faced by Cuths. It also has meant that I have worked a lot with the college and facilities staff, giving me the confidence to speak out and express any ideas/concerns, which I believe to be fundamental for the role of environment rep. I also have a passion for environmental issues which I would love to be able to share with all of



Cuth's if I got this role.

We have a huge community here at Cuth's, and we could all make a really big difference if we worked together. I understand that as students, living a more eco-friendly lifestyle can often be difficult, and we are often constrained by a tight budget. That is why I want to make it clear that everyone can make a difference, and that implementing small lifestyle changes is almost always possible. As environment rep, I would strive to make environmentally-friendly living as accessible as possible, providing resources for ways in which everyone can get involved. I want all students to be able to come to me with their ideas and concerns and for their voices to be heard.

I also have plenty of ideas of how we can improve our environmental impact within Cuth's and as individuals. For instance, Cuth's needs to ensure the proper disposal of food and garden waste, whether this is by hiring a brown bin or getting back the compost heap that once existed in the Wendy House Gardens. Additionally, reducing the food waste produced by the dining hall and students is a massive priority. Ways in which this could be done is by promoting recipes that use up food scraps, prioritising the service of shorter-dated foods in the dining hall, or introducing students to anti-food-waste apps, such as Olio. I know that welfare has had massive success with the free menstrual cups they gave out this past year and would love to see if the Environment Committee could do something similar, for example, we could try giving out a limited number of reusable make-up pads. Not only is this a fun activity for those involved, but giving out eco-friendly alternatives to just 100 people would save on a massive amount of unnecessary waste. Lastly, I think it is important to educate students about County Durham-specific issues. This could include information on how to correctly report environmental issues such as polluted waters, and ways in which we can contribute towards the protection of our local environment. After all, it is important that we respect the area that we are staying in. This is just a couple of my ideas, so please read my manifesto to see what else I have thought of!

Thank you so much for listening and apologies once again for not being there in person to say all of this myself. I hope that you will consider voting for me to be your next environment rep and feel free to contact me if you have any questions!

No questions as ran in absentia

To be voted online

Student Trustee (I) X2

Candidates: CF, SB, RON

CF: *hust yet to be submitted*



SB: Hi everyone, I'm Sam, a first year economics student. I'm running for one of the positions of student trustee and I hope I can count on your support. I've recently served on FiComm. This has given me the opportunity to see first hand how impactful the JCR's charity status is, whether that be on sports and societies or big ticket events such as balls. In my time on FiComm I've helped manage the overall JCR budget and with the support of the FCO look at potential ways to spend the endowment of being a charity. I believe I would add a great depth of experience to the role of student trustee since I have seen the charity status from the other side of the tent in a way through my work on FiComm. I will make sure I stand up for students' needs within the JCR, making sure student views are ring-fenced and heard on board meetings. I shall hold 1-2 drop-in sessions each term to discuss what the board are doing and what actions myself and the other student trustees are taking to protect student views. I will try to make sure transparency is at the heart of the Board of Trustees, often students don't really know what the board do, and whilst it's not the most entertaining element of the JCR, it has crucial importance to every students life, this transparency will be through use of social media such as Instagram. Finally, my vision of the relationship between trustees and the JCR is one of drive, purpose, and energy. I will maintain that accountability and compliance is at the heart of the JCR, to make sure students' needs can be met, and to ensure our JCR is the best it can be. I hope you will consider voting for me to be one of your next student trustees.

No questions as SB ran in absentia

To be voted online

Assistant International Rep (II)

Candidates: CZ, RON

CZ's Hust:

- I am first year geography and I am french, live in france
- I would like to help bring more awareness to the committee
- Any events that happened were good so I'd like more
- I am happy to support the rep in any way I can

JS: We have a lot of international pgs, do you have ideas of events for international freshers week

CZ: Perhaps bar crawls so students can get a feel about durham and some more chilled events too like coffee mornings

SB: When international students come they come a week early, how would you help move from international to normal freshers week

CZ: Get the events to mirror the bigger one to kind of give them an idea of the experience and make them more confident

CZ elected



Local Students Rep (II)

Candidates: EMI, RON

EMI's Hust:

- I'm a first year criminology student from Spennymoor
- I didn't know the role existed and I feel like that says something
- In freshers week I didn't have a great time as a local student and others felt the same, I would like to change that
- Would like to collaborate with other colleges and build a bigger local students community

EMI elected

Motions (Unserious)

CRAS Deratification 3.0

This JCR Notes

- In 2020, the CRAS deratification motion 2.0 was passed, which banned the formation of a Cuth's Ramen Appreciation Society for a minimum of 15 years
- Since that date, Cuth's JCR has remained free of the evil of Ramen Appreciation Societies
- Many of the founders of Cuth's Ramen Appreciation Society lived in House 8 at the time, where they had been introduced to ramen
- There are rumours within the student body that members of House 8 are still consuming ramen

This JCR Believes

- Ramen Appreciation Societies are an evil from which the JCR must be protected
- The rumours about ramen consumption are true
- Ramen is a gateway drug
- If we are not careful, the JCR will be faced with the powerful threat of an unofficial ramen appreciation society based out of House 8
- We must take steps to protect ourselves and future generations of Cuth's students from the evil of ramen appreciation societies
- Nothing short of a full ban on ramen consumption in House 8 can guarantee the safety of Cuth's students

This JCR Resolves

- To ban the consumption of ramen in House 8 in perpetuity



- This ban will stand even in a situation in which House 8 is no longer occupied by Cuth's students
 - In the event that the University tries to sell House 8, JCR officers must lobby the University to include a ramen ban in the terms of the sale
- Anyone caught consuming ramen in House 8 must down a dirty pint within 10 minutes if Cuth's bar is open, or if Cuth's bar is shut within 10 minutes of its opening
- For a second offence, the dirty pint must contain ramen
- Anyone suspected of trying to organise an official or unofficial ramen appreciation society will be immediately transferred to Hatfield, and all JCR members (other than those involved in administering the transfer) must immediately cease contact with them

Proposer: JC

Secunder: BT

Discussion

JC: There was a ramen appreciation soc and it was full of scum and they were undemocratic. A menace to cuths and gdpr students. We were able to disband and ban Cuth's from having a ramen soc for the next 15 years. House 8 have been eating ramen. It is a gateway drug and it is a threat to gove structure of jcr. I propose a ban on ramen consumption in house 8 even if there are no Cuth's students. Penalty will be a dirty pint asap and the second offence a dirty pint w ramen. Anyone suspect of ramen soc will be transferred to hatfield

JS: Is this stance of ramen indicative of the JCR stance of SSDP?

JC: No

JS: Should we be advocating for SSDP

JC: Yes but ramen requires stronger measures

EM: Where do we stand on pot noodle and mug pastas?

JC: Better to be safe than sorry, you are walking a dangerous line

JG: What if they go out for ramen?

JC: That's allowed

JG: No wayyyyyy

LJ: Premise or house?

JC: No ramen at Cuth's day

CZ: How do you enforce this?

JC: Govcomm on patrol

JR: Would you ban conspiring



JC: Beyond scope of JCR resources but the initial founders should have been transferred

KM: But i want ramen and I'll be in house 8 next year

KM opposes

EM calls for a vote

KM baits out all opposing

EM tried to threaten me with going to hatfield dining room to eat ramen surrounded by spoon bashing

KM: You're a spoon basher!

AW: Motion to censure EM!

KM: I back it

AW: Spoon bashing is misogynistic

KM: You're a misogynistic spoon basher EM!

AW explains the history of spoon bashing and EM has lost all control of the meeting so we didn't even properly vote on this oops

Merry Monarch Motion

This JCR Notes

- CK is generally referred to as The Merry Monarch, in reference to King Charles II
- CK therefore has a breed of dog (the King Charles Spaniel) named after him
- Everyone at Cuth's loves dogs
- Most people at Cuth's love CK

This JCR Believes

- The presence of the Merry Monarch in Cuth's should be honoured
- A JCR-owned spaniel would bring significant serotonin boosts to many students
- CK looks and acts like a King Charles Spaniel

This JCR Resolves

- To buy and look after a King Charles Spaniel, which will be named CK
- Looking after this spaniel will be the responsibility of the House 8 residents

This JCR Mandates

- CK (human) to eat nothing but dog food during the rest of his time in Cuth's
 - CK (dog) is permitted to eat whatever he likes, because he's a good boi



Proposer: JC

Secunder: SG

Discussion

JC: We have charlie kennedy who looks like a spaniel so we should adopt a king charles spaniel

KM: I want a cocker spaniel

Everyone begins discussing in little groups the feasibility of getting a dog and I lost control of the minutes

Some brings up the good point that it's really an act of cruelty making a dog live with house 8 freshers

JG says something

KM: Shut up JG

AW: JG belongs in hatfield

KM: I propose we send JG to Hatfield and ban him from Cuth's

Passes with overwhelming majority

I think we voted to pass this motion??? I am deaf and it was hard to hear outside

Elections (Method IV)

Leader of the song (IV)

Candidates: CK, SM, JG, MS, RON

SM robbed

JG elected

Orbiting Professor of Martian Anthropology (IV)

Candidates: LH, KM, LR, ML, HS, AW

Minuted by EW

Everyone looks very short

ML wins. LR and KM are robbed. JCR democracy is dead.

Golden Bedspring of Fornication (IV)

Candidates: EM, MS, RON

SU robbed, MS elected



Red Herring for Persistent and Unadulterated Lying (IV)

Candidates: BW, KM, EW, CL, MS, MB, RON

KM wins by a landslide

Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Dum (IV)

Candidates: JS AND lack of pgm comm, JR and womens squad, JR and durham, CL and MS, JC and JG, JC and BT, JG and CK, KM and AW, AW and Grey, RON

JR and women's squad elected by a slim majority

Soft Cushion for Academic Blagging (IV)

Candidates: CL, LH, JC, RON

CL elected

Wooden Spoon for Stirring Disharmony (IV)

Candidates: KM, AW, AB, RON

AB elected

Anonymous Magistrates Paper Bag for Technicolour Yawning (IV)

Candidates: AF, MILDERT RUGBY TOUR, BT, AP, and others, RON

AF elected

Keeper of the Couplets (IV)

Candidates: EL, ML, CL LJ, CF , RON

LJ elected

Wincrete Memorial Trophy

Candidates: Lots - about 16 people so was a bit long , RON

AW elected and then goes off looking like he's going to be sick

Nice emotional moment for EM and everyone sings the song for him

Meeting Adjourned