



Executive Committee Meeting - 17/09/22

Attendance: KM (President), AB (Vice-President), TA (FCO), OS (Social Chair), LM (Senior Welfare), JS (PGM President), DB (Developments Officer), MA (SU Rep), AF (Publicity Officer), ML (Outreach Chair), CG (Librarian)

Apologies: EL (Sports and Socs Chair)

Absent:

Location: Conference Room

Everyone shares Abbie's vodka and fanta

Updates

MA: I've been finishing the livers out handbook and been apart of the working group for the cost of living crisis. I've been working on getting drug testing supplies and getting ready to run an assembly again.

DS: I've got new silent disco headphones which should come on tuesday. They are rechargeable and not battery powered this time! Sorting out gym lockers, getting in contact for someone to move gym stuff to brooks for the new exec officer. We've got interviews tomorrow for tech chairs to make sure tech is running.

DB: What is happening with the old exec room?

DS: Another green machine for tech storage.

JS: I have been organising post-graduate freshers and planning MCR events. I have also been involved in working groups like the cost of living and the harm reduction working group.

DB: Prepared two guidebooks on interviews and CV writing which I'm hopefully uploading on cuths.com asap, working on one with the YA rep on years abroad so we shall see. Interviewing alumni in preparation of some campaigns on careers that aren't just law and finance so anticipate that, a couple are interested in coming back so will form part of the Careers Panels later on in the year. Organising a talk and bringing back the 'Difficult Dialogues' series from a few years ago, details of the first talk will be out very soon. Also hoping to launch 'Cuth's Colloquium' and need to iron out the details with that.



LM: Worked with Thalia to get 800 condoms and lube. I revamped consent workshop, we now talk about vagina sex at length. I held the first welfare committee meeting and have made lots of instagram posts that will drop soon. I've been working with Ciaran on a harm reduction campaign too. Also, we're setting up a 'golden condom' - every term there will be a golden condom and if you get it, you get free michaelmas ball ticket or something. We will rotate what supply this is so it isn't always condoms.

DB: There's no pigeon holes so where will they go?

KM: Reception, there's a change in packaging so it isn't as obvious.

AF: I've been doing instagram posts, more are coming. Stash has been a headache but freshers stash arrived today. Been doing some canva bits, resetting emails and passwords and have been working on getting my head around the website and things like that!

ML: I've been writing out applications for the Outreach Committee so I can release it during freshers week and can encourage freshers to apply. I've been emailing local charities to find more volunteering opportunities. Also have been reviewing outreach committee in the standing orders so I can work on a restructure, which is very tricky. Discussed 12 days of outreach with people like Elliot, Beth, Joe Verdin so we can have joint events and widen involvement

TA: I've worked on stuff that wasn't done from last year, worked on the sports and socs budget, did incovices and sorted out outstanding reclaims. In the process of sorting a new insurance, and am writing a handbook for JCR officers and sports and socs treasurers. Have also been working on FiComm applications, and working on an IndieComm for FCO's. (Independent Committees). I've done orders for facilities, sorting out moving the gym and stuff like that. I've done treasurer training, and have worked closely with the trustees and Greg Kyle-Langley. Also looking at funds for music room, and planning for the future. So you know, nothing crazy.

OS: That's pretty crazy. I've been doing freshers planning and sorting out bookings. I've been co-working with clubs and the pizza van is booked for freshtival. Freshtival is basically done apart from some finishing touches.

KM: You did more than that, big yourself up.

OS: Also doing a boat party for freshers! The bar got back about capacity as well so can sort out Oktoberfest. For that, I want personalised Beer steins but basically same as last year but with silent discos. Michaelmas Ball is going to be at Beamish, everywhere else is a nightmare.



CG: I've been working on making a guide book to the library, have been looking up subjects to see what books we don't have that are important. Nobody's telling me so I am just guessing. Need more books as we have lots of empty space.

AP: Send CG your reading lists for the library.

CG: Going to make sure volunteers show up and are more efficient. I want to rota stock managers so its more efficient and have more volunteers in second term.

DG: Any new plants?

CG: No, going to make conference room and computer room more efficient. I'm going to get new desks and new coasters, and add desks in the conference room so we have more study space. Working on getting the reading room clean and open. Signed up for academic journals that would benefit people- we will see if people use it and if they do then we will subscribe to more. We're going to make more displays and make them more interactive, and more but don't really remember.

AB: I spent most of the summer doing the handbook which took up the majority of my time so this will be relatively short. I've been helping Kirstin by being a hopefully good shoulder to cry on, and have helped out for freshers week a little bit by sorting out the communities events.

KM: This is going to be fat. So, I have been on a cost of living working group for the university, and have worked on getting the durham grant top threshold to be increased to 30K instead of 24K so more people are eligible. I also got the university to agree to then increase every level up with whatever is left over. Through the university working group, we've got Cuth's on too good to go for £2 to help with the cost of living crisis but also the problem of food waste. Have also managed to get them to provide free breakfast at the Billy B. Spoke to college about opening up showers in college for those who need them because of the bill increase. I've set one a cost of living working group within Cuths too, and we're in the process of setting up a survey to put out to students to see how we can help as the financial situation is going to change drastically as maintenance loans aren't increasing in line with inflation. Next week, we are going to decide the wording of it to make sure it's appropriate and not invasive. The trustees will then review the data and see how best we can use reserves.



Freshers week is all done and dusted, it's going to go well.

Also sat on a working group about responses to spiking. Every freshers will receive night caps from the university.

JS: Is there any MCR representation on this working group?

KM: Not at the moment as it is a small working group, but will ask about this. I have also made university spiking posters that tell you how to get tested, the previous ones weren't great as they had lots of text. The new ones will go up in time for freshers week. I've done a lot of collab with the fellows and we're doing an art project. College have given £1000 for an art exhibition for artistic expression with scientific contribution, and will encourage students to get more involved on the artistic side. Art at Cuth's is dying, so I agreed it would be great for us to get art at Cuth's revived. I also worked on the JCR strategy. We had a blue skies meeting and we made a list of the action points. We're going to go to the trustees meeting with these action points, set out a structure for it and have it written up by December, that's the plan. This will be collaborative and will go through every committee, so a big project for us as executive committee.

Lots of money from college from bar profits, 12.8k, and an extra 3k because college gave me gowns and then told me to sell them. John Snow said yes, so we sold 72 gowns for £40. Saved 1K for refreshers and another for michaelmas ball. Working with other colleges on production to save money, so hopefully it'll be slightly cheaper.

Summer Ball committee on Pres Comm, trying to get summer balls cheaper. Cost comes from production, so we need to split production costs- using different ones is a huge waste of money. They all agreed. Went to SU with CoL pledge. Alumni week happened.

Get the keys next week for new Brooks building, got new stuff for it, new furniture but delayed. Had to make changes to freshers week but consent workshops still there.

LM: Slay

KM: New TV's now, can do things with it as its really high tech and cool. Ping pong table, football table, etc. College ordered sofas, end of freshers for furniture.

DS: Is the Gym going to be a campus card scanner?



KM: College say too expensive, going to try it again. JCR meetings will be split between Brooks and Bailey. Brooks JCR or Bar?

MA: Can we bring drinks?

KM: Yes, in licence. Want to use new build for event, make it known for social space. Any ideas?

DS: Cuths Live

LM: Dance studio?

DB:nYoga?

JS: Panto

KM: Should we move staging to Brooks?

Collective Agreement

DS: Want to get another drumkit, having issues with transport.

KM: MA can drive.

DB: Cuth's live, Paint n Sip in Cuths Bar

KM: That's happening in Freshers Week.

MA: Without chairs, are coffee mornings in freshers week still in Brooks?

KM: Yep

DS: 24 Hour musical in there?

LM: Academic talks?

OS: Wasn't the projector for the talks?

LM: Is there two?

LM: academic talks

DB: Movie night?

KM: Happening in freshers

LM: Beanbags !!!!

DS: Beanbags under facilities or college?

KM: Wherever we can find money.

TA: Probably reserves.



ML: Rent out to other colleges?

KM: Potentially?

MA: Piano from House 8?

KM: Getting piano for in there!

LM: CSC- rehearsals?

KM: any questions?

Statergt

KM: blue sky strategy- list of action points for it
run through structure so far

Cg: what is it?

KM: Our strategy will last 5-7 years. How can we improve as a charity.

From meeting, we've got a vision mission and values, our vision is a Cuth's JCR.

Vision sets out what we're trying to achieve - the ultimate aim of the strategy.

Mission sets out how we'll achieve that - the means to reach our aim. Values underpin both of those, informing the way we'll use the means we have and being central to why we have the aims we do.

The vision, mission and values proposed are:

Our vision is a Cuth's JCR that fully enables its students and student leaders to be able to achieve their potential.

Our mission is to represent, support, advise, and create opportunities for the student community of St Cuthbert's Society.

Cuth's is...

By Students

We're student-led by principle, not by circumstance.

Advancing.

We exist to advance students' education and, to achieve that, we are ambitious in advancing our organisation.



An inclusive Society.

We continue to strive towards the purpose we were founded for: creating opportunity for all students, regardless of background.

Community focused.

We're not about buildings; we're about people.

Board of Trustees Election

KM: Electing one member of the exec to be on the Board of Trustees. We're increasing the size of the board, 10-12 members, 5 internal, 7 external. Need one of you lot on there.

Would anyone like to run for this position?

We have three candidates, DB, MK and RON.

* LM is scared to death by Steve*

Freshers Week

KM: New training included, first aid training for team leaders, exec and welfare. Also have the 'have a word training'. You'll all be part of a team, but give the Team Leader a chance to lead, you're not the first voice here.

Board of Trustees Election pt 2.

KM: DB, MA and RON. You each have 1 minute hust of why you want to be on the board.

DB: Cool, not going to lie, don't care either way, uh, really enjoyed policy review with TA and J. As someone who's a lawyer, looking at 80 page document reviews is my thing. I like picking apart detail and have gotten involved in various committees. Don't mind either way, MA is the better candidate anyway.

MA: I'm non-binary and queer, will bring an interesting diversity. I'll make sure I bring voices of queer non binary people, trans people, and make sure they are heard. Would be good to have a knowledge of trustees to have link, wouldn't be



a neutral role and would be able to bring up issues we have. I'm on working groups, so can bring them up and fight the point.

DB: That's why MA is the better candidate.

KM: Any questions for candidates?

LM: What is governance?

MK: Insuring we are fair and representing voices of students, not the trustees, it's not their thoughts, its what we need as students, a student perspectives.

DB withdraws from election

KM: We have two candidates, MA and RON.

MA was elected through unanimous vote.

KM: I will send you the documents tomorrow.

JCR Meetings

KM: Please don't all sit in one big group, that would be annoying. You're all meant to be neutral. You can have your own opinions but not publicly. No campaign teams. Don't be a clique, make JCR meetings fun. Write motions please?

CG: How?

AB: There's a template that MB will post, also on handbook.

KM: If you don't want to write one, I will do it.

LM: What are we going to do with JCR Chair

KM: Will be elected first JCR meeting, monday 3rd.

AP: Submit a report to AB by Friday of freshers week, what you've done so far.

KM: AOB?



Social Begins