

# Keble College JCR General Meeting Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Week TT13



Minutes: Alex Connolly, JCR Secretary

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## Apologies:

- Suzie Markland
- Tom Stokoe
- Ellen Piehl

## Officers' Reports:

- President:
  - Referendum passed and we're trialling the anonymous box method of voting, three different coloured cards: green – yes, yellow- abstention, red-no. Talbot fund motion will be voted on anonymously. Feel free to request any other motion to be anonymous, you just need a seconder.
  - Elections coming up in 4<sup>th</sup> so start thinking about running.
  - Rent negotiations have started, look at the survey online, so we can get accurate information, we are being ambitious in our negotiations
- Vice-President:
  - Keble cocktail might be going ahead, and some bar decorations.
  - Bar now has cash-back system.
  - Library has bought more back-supports
  - Gerard is thinking of having a 'summer meal' at the end of seventh week, cocktail reception in the quad, similar set up to Oxmas Dinner.
- Secretary: no report
- Treasurer: No report
- Environment & Ethics:
  - Stickers for 'turning off lights in rooms
  - JCR bike has new lock
  - If you're not getting recycling bags or a recycling list, let me know
- Entz: no report
- Welfare:
  - Welfare fete coming up soon, bouncy castle, pizza, food, G and Ds, maybe some free drinks.
- Equal Ops: no report
- Arts and Pubs:
  - Thanks for coming to the KAF
  - Everyone is grateful for all the help and support during the week.
- Freshers' Week:
  - Need to know subject reps by the end of this week
- OUSU:
  - OUSU have got a grant of £100,000 grant to do 'good stuff with'
  - How is it going to benefit us? They're doing lots all over the university
- Charities:
  - Open Mic night
  - Yoga is now starting up, ask Maya Graffy for details
- Accommodation:

- Ballot coming up, this week and next week, all the info will be going up on the website

### **Motion One: Funding for Edinburgh Fringe:**

- I'm the lighting director for this production, we need to find £3000 to fund aspects of the production, we have £1000 from Univ already. Going to JCRs for money, it will be a loan and therefore paid back.
- Issues Raised:
  - Have you made an application to the KA? yes
  - Spoken to the treasurer about paying back? yes
  - Have we done loans before? Yes, for KCMS for £500. Do you need a licence to do this? It would be a pretty bad loan shark at 0% interest on the loan.
  - Will we definitely get money back? Yes, if we sell every ticket then we will get £13,000.
  - Are you asking for this on top of KA funding? Yes. How much from KA? £500
  - Will you pay back earlier if you get more than you need? Yes.
- 1 vote against. 12 abstentions. 31 votes in favour. Motion Passes

### **Motion Two: TedX Charity donation**

- Issues raised:
  - Would it cost £6000 a ticket? Yes, in California apparently.
  - The £200 is a contribution from Keble
  - Can we reserve any tickets? Doesn't sell out that quickly.
  - Change in venue, Four times as many tickets as last year.
  - Did this last year and we didn't get any tickets, but plenty of Keble people went
  - Money will filter back into charities.
- Majority votes in favour.

### **Motion Three: London Triathlon for Unicef:**

- Doing the triathlon at end of July, need to raise £500
- Issues raised:
  - Can we donate more money? Every year there is a levy which raises money for a pot, we have £9000. Maximum of £200 for each individual motion.
- Majority vote in favour, motion passes

### **Motion Four: Talbot Fund contribution** (voted on anonymously, as requested before the meeting)

- The college is a charity but they are trying to give us the best academic experiences. Other funds available as well, Talbot fund done some amazing things. Cash in the bank, liquid assets. Really worthwhile cause, £20 not much, if you can afford it it's a worthwhile thing to be pumped back into college life.
- Issues Raised:
  - Caution money for breaking things, what if someone eats their way through that money? £20 just put onto battels anyway, easiest way is to deduct it from that cautionary money
  - How do you become a member of the Talbot Society? It's a new thing, way of recognising the people who donate to college, just a way of showing appreciation for help. Society will have meals and meetings and social networking occasions for their members

- Was this a development office initiative? Camilla in the alumni office came to us with it, Exeter do a similar thing
- You spoke to the committee about a form which would be sent to us? Yes this is still happening and you can choose where the money will go.
- Did the development office ask you to circulate the information? No I asked them for the info sheets.
- If you choose to opt-out can you still get involved with college afterwards? Year-group reps who will be points of contact, reunions, networking events, alumni networks, you won't be left out if you don't donate.
- What does it mean by 'providing cuppers wins'? They gave us money for sports team. Money can't buy talent.
- When do you sort out the cautionary money? At the end of your final term
- Speech in opposition:
  - Calling it a 'deduction from the cautionary money' is disingenuous. It's a £20 charge. It's not fair for it to be an opt-out thing, the purpose of the opt-out seems to be sneaky, to catch people who forget and grab their money.
- Amendment discussion: could we do an opt-in instead? We spoke about it, the opt-out thing was to try and encourage donations. It's a good way of doing it. If £20 really matters to you then you will remember. By making it opt-in then this encourages a pro-active approach to alumni involvement in college life. Talbot fund has done well for you, this is a very important fund for your extra-curricular activities. Isn't it college avoiding having to pay for things like this themselves? No, completely separate accounts, this charity is specifically for extra-curricular things. What's being confused is ease and non-consensual issues. It's going through the JCR, therefore it is consensual. Overall, whether we do this is not the controversial issue, the amendment might be inappropriate. Inappropriate that this is taken from the cautionary fund. That's not the way this is happening.
- Amendment: 'opt-in' instead of 'opt-out'.
- Amendment vote: 34 against the amendment. Abstentions: 4. In favour: 20. Amendment failed. Motion reads as stated.
- Final points: this shouldn't be from the caution money, should be an additional charge on battels. This is just £20 from your money, this is just the easiest way as college are just giving you £150 back.
- Amendment: 'by a charge to battels' instead of being taken from the cautionary money. Amendment taken as friendly.
- Anonymous Vote: 47 for. 11 against. 9 abstentions. Motion passes

### **Motion Eight: Prostate Cancer donation:**

- Skydive this Wednesday, excellent charity, plenty of cases, could be any of us.
- Why have you not gone for the full 200?
- Amendment: ask for full 200, taken as friendly.
- Majority vote in favour, Motion Passes

### **Motion six: Cheltenham Open Door**

- What's your affiliation with the charity?
- My mum is a trustee
- Why not support the homeless in oxford? Connection to the charity, founding trustee died a couple of months ago, trying to raise money for his memory
- 5 abstentions. Majority vote in favour, motion passes

### **Motion Five: Gerard's retirement:**

- Gerard has been here for ages, he does an awful lot for us. We should give him a good send off
- Speaking to the warden about this, thinking about a big book and compile photos and stories from the years , make him a nice sentimental book. Warden has allowed is to present it to him during the last Sunday dinner of term, dressing in bow ties and waistcoats.
- Was there a cap on how much to spend? no
- He's getting a real brick from Keble.
- Gerard is a great guy, deserves some recognition
- Majority vote in favour, motion passes

### **Motion Seven: PS3 in the bar:**

- Some people have expressed concern, times when the bar is empty, we need to get people in.
- On busier nights in the bar, could I be said that tie b turned off at the barman's discretion? Matt will have controllers and games.
- Is matt allowed to play? No
- Any other ideas for games other than fifa? Survey will be emailed round
- Booking system? Too difficult
- Keble will play for the new tv
- Is there a plan to do something with the old tv? Might be the jcr tv in there
- What happens during conference? It will be locked, it is our's
- What if someone wants to watch sports? Generally, sport takes priority. If we want people in the bar, sporting events on tv
- Why would someone buy alcohol if they are going to be competing?
- Minimum purchase? We have seen an increase in profits since the bringing in of the table tennis table
- Why can't we put the ps3 in here? Security is the issue. Also people use this tv more specifically for actually watching tv
- What would happen if we needed to increase the
- Why PS3 and not something else? It has got better customer support and is better.
- Why not wait until the PS4 comes out and then we can get a PS3 cheaper?
- Do we not fear for the revenue of the...
- Would PSN be utilised as it's free? Maybe.
- Vote: 14 against. 17 abstentions. 26 in favour. Motion passes.

### **Motion Nine: Washing machine**

- Don't expect this motion to go through as is, keen for this to go well and for the website to be used, more people using it means info will be more accurate
- Is there internet in the laundry room? No
- People have to fill in info on the website.
- By the time you're in the laundry room can't you tell if it's broken? No. So we need to check the website?
- Point is people don't want to trek all the way from their rooms
- Posters of a sheet of paper in the room? No one fills them in.
- Lodge can also use the website and then notify the people to come and fix it
- Isn't the URL inappropriate? IT's just the URL, but we can find a new one.
- Amendment: mandate the it rep to investigate whether there is internet
- Malware problems with the website
- Adequate security measures for the tablet?

- Is this motion just committing to the money for the tablet? We are going to have to talk about how much it will cost
- Amendment: don't have to buy tablet, just investigate
- Why can't we have a specific group on facebook? Not everyone has facebook
- Seeing as they are always broken, can't we just look into getting new ones? Keep pressuring college to look into it, they are constantly repairing them.
- Vote: 6 against. 17 abstentions. 25 in favour. Motion Passes

### **Any other business:**

- What did you think of the voting?
- I think if it's going to be anonymous, we can't use coloured cards. We would invest in some proper cards
- Does anyone have any other ideas?
- Everyone went to the back of the room and did it.
- We don't want people to vote afterwards, do it on the way out?
- We want people to know the results of the motions in the meeting
- Might be good if we can see votes being counted?
- Expensive for an electronic system
- Procedure: before or after meeting requesting anonymous voting
- Anyway of requesting anonymous voting anonymously?
- Texting the speaker
- If there are lots of motions what happens? We would have enough for everyone, looking at logistics side to it later