Keble College JCR General Meeting MINUTES

HT2014 – Sunday 19th January 2014 – 1st Week



1. Apologies of absence:

Ollie Robinson Emma Alexander Matt Gompels

2. Officers' Reports:

President (Sean Ford)

- 1. From last term come up with Rishi Majithia's payment plan
- 2. Potentially new changes RE: kitchens, informal hall more to come later
- 3. Following last term's events and Dean Q&A serious redraft of college handbook, looking positive more in 4th week
- 4. From Luke Martin climbing challenge in Ireland over Easter needs 30-40 people
- 5. Fire alarms doing spot checks if you don't leave your room during a drill then you will be sent to the Dean; basically if there's a drill, leave your room
- 6. Constitution re-draft
- 7. Electiosn this term for Welfare, Equal Opps and Freshers' Week Pres in 6th week
- 8. Newly installed display cabinet

Vice President (Chris Allnutt)

- 1. Thanks for everyone for filling out the food & drink survey
- 2. Bar price list on the JCR website and in the bar
- 3. Suggestion box in café/JCR

Treasurer (Rishi Chotai)

- 1. None
- Secretary (Katie Davies)

1. None

Academic Affairs (Matt Gompels)

Any freshers interesting in working with Keble at Large this term now they're a bit more established in college
 - please email me. I promise to respond in a mature and sober fashion

Welfare (Flo Barnett & Ollie Robinson)

- 1. Fruit Bank on Friday in the bar with Art Soc.
- 2. Halo or COD tournament planned good to vent some anger!
- 3. Cookie fairy request one for a friend, watch this space
- 4. Self defence classes watch this space, anyone who knows someone to take this for under £500 get in touch

Equal Ops (David Harris)

- 1. Read the emails
- 2. Any international students motion going through the House of Lords looking to increase charges for international students, fill in the survey and talk to peer if you can
- 3. LBGTQ month coming up
- 4. Apply for this position coming up for election

Accommodation (Angus McDonnell)

- 1. Bar open on Sundays as a trial, may become a regular thing (student managed)
- 2. Flowers is gone (applause)

3. Applications for bar sub-committee coming soon

OUSU Rep (Nicole Chui)

1. None

Charities (Georgina Ndukwe)

1. Charities events this term: Keble's Got Talent in 5th week alongside 5th Week Blues, Ramp up the Red for British Heart Foundation 7th February might do a 'Red BOP', All Star Mr & Mrs for college families, maybe a charity auction

Entz (Deanna Greenhalgh, Greg Albery & Severin Limal)

- 1. BOP next Saturday, theme is films
- 2. Approached to start hosting after-BOPs at Junction (resounding no)
- 3. Potential 'Red BOP'

Arts & Pubs (Iona Dixon, Louisa Adams & Laura Whitehouse)

- 1. Look out for KAF in 6th week please vote for tonight's motion, sub-committee is working hard, keep an eye out
- 2. Art Soc. on Friday
- 3. Deadline for fig. submissions in 3rd week
- 4. 4th gig at Jericho Tavern, opportunity for discounted tickets (can 10 people come?)

Environment & Ethics (Jake Palmer)

- 1. Few issues about recycling bags Jake is on it
- 2. Hoping to put forward a Woodland Trust motion next week

Careers & Alumni (Emma Brand)

1. Email this week – Mike Moss the careers advisor will run 1 on 1 sessions for careers sessions, reply if interested to get to know numbers

3. Motions:

Motion 1: Entz Speaker

Proposer: Greg Albery Seconder: Severin Limal

This JCR notes that:

- 1. £260 of the Entertainment budget was used for the repair of a speaker that was broken during a JCR BOP.
- 2. Keble Entertainment events will be noticeably lacking due to this reduction in the budget.
- 3. The JCR budget features a sizeable surplus.

This JCR resolves to

1. Reallocate £260 from the surplus to the Entz team budget to restore it to its former glory.

Issues raised:

- Proposer: someone broke a speaker and Entz team used the budget to pay for it, £260 is a BOP budget so quite important
- How did the speaker break? Used badly previously

VOTES FOR: 55 VOTES AGAINST: 0 ABSENTIONS: 1

Motion 2: Hastings Wild Things

Proposed by: Sarah Herdan Seconded by: Georgina Ndukwe

This JCR notes that:

- 1. The "Hastings Wild Things Project", run at the RSPCA Mallydams Wood Education Centre, provides many free opportunities for interactive animal and environmental welfare education to a range of "at risk" or socially excluded groups, including young parents, young offenders/ those at risk of offending, and looked after children.
- 2. As well as encouraging better treatment of animals and the environment, these sessions help remove barriers which discourage many young people from accessing nature, such as fear and social isolation.
- 3. Participants also reported great increases in confidence, and alleviation of feelings of depression and isolation. Provision of NVQ qualifications, which group members can undergo for free, also helped many feel more accomplished, and better able to face the jobs market.
- 4. Each RSPCA branch is technically an individual charity, and relies largely on its own donations, rather than those made to head office.
- 5. The "Hastings Wild Things Project" was very nearly disbanded at the end of 2013 due to lack of funding.

This JCR believes that (optional):

1. It is important to help tackle social exclusion and isolation, and encourage educational opportunities.

This JCR therefore resolves to:

1. Donate £200 to RSPCA Mallydams Wood, via a cheque addressed to them and pidged to Sarah Herdan.

Issues raised:

- Proposer: project interning over the summer, genuinely worthwhile. Based in Hastings areas
 of poverty, high levels of mental illness project gets groups of young people in (babies to
 26) teaching animal and environmental education, respect for wildlife hopefully grow up to
 minimise incidents; also good at reducing levels of social isolation, depression etc. also offers
 qualification. Keble loves to do good things
- Where is Hastings? On the south coast
- Not the only sum given to charity, is the norm to give money throughout term this is not taking away from charity budget to raise money for organisations throughout the year
- Are there any centres closer to Oxford, might be good to support organisations closer to us? Not sure, only really 2 education centres in the country

VOTES FOR: 41 VOTES AGAINST: 0 ABSENTIONS: 14

THIS MOTION PASSES.

Motion 3: SARC Transport

Proposer: Sarah Poulten

Seconder: Florence Barnett

This JCR notes:

- 1. That 1 in 4 women will experience sexual assault during her time at university.¹
- 2. Sexual Assault Referral Centres (SARCs) are the only place that a person can get immediate medical and forensic support following sexual assault without going to the police. This service is open to everyone, and can also provide legal advice.
- 3. That the nearest Solace Centre is in Slough, an hour away by car. The cost of a return train ticket to Slough can cost up to £21.
- 4. That college currently organises and pays for transport to the nearest Accident and Emergency centre at the John Radcliffe Hospital.

This JCR believes:

- 1. That everyone should have access to Sexual Assault Referral Centre services, regardless of whether or not they want to report to the police.
- 2. That organising and paying for transport to a SARC is a considerable and unfair burden on any individual student, especially after experiencing sexual assault or rape.
- 3. That more should be done in college to support survivors of sexual violence and publicise help available.

This JCR therefore resolves:

- 1. To request that college extend the current system of transport provision to include transport to The Solace Centre in Slough, an initiative that the current Dean fully supports.
- 2. That this system works in a way to make any student access the service to feel as safe as possible, e.g. providing for a friend to accompany them, ensuring that the student does not have to disclose what has happened to them, etc.
- 3. That the JCR welfare officers should publicise the system in at least one email, and make the information about The Solace Centre in Appendix A public and accessible.

Appendix A - Going to The Solace Centre - Slough

The Solace Centre is Oxford's closest Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC). This is a centre where anyone who has experienced rape or sexual assault can receive the medical and forensic support that they might need **without going to the police.** Reporting to the police can be daunting. The

¹ NUS Hidden Marks (2010)

Solace Centre can provide the services that could help a case in the future, so you always have this option open to you.

All the services at a SARC are **free**. They are for everyone, regardless of sex or gender. They do not ask for any identification for a self-referral.

Everything at The Solace Centre goes at your own pace.

Issues raised:

- Proposer: statistically 1 in 4 female students will suffer from sexual assault in university; full medical checks, counselling, legal advice first port of call; currently Keble will organise and pay for taxis to A&E, nearest SARC is in Slough; would like the JCR
- Is the service open just to women? No open to everyone
- When you get an ambulance through college, staff often gets information? Would like to discuss about having a 'code word' to access the Solace Fund or WTTE
- What are the facilities? Do they offer morning after pills etc.? In a hospital so get full medical attention
- Is it open 24 hours? 9 5 but all night helpline
- It is free? Yes only need the money for the taxi to get there
- Money is not coming out of the JCR budget, college happy to pay just voting for the JCR to support it

VOTES FOR: 55 VOTES AGAINST: 0 ABSENTIONS: 0

THIS MOTION PASSES.

Motion 4: Keble Arts Festival

Proposer: Iona Dixon

Seconder: Louisa Adams, Laura Whitehouse

This JCR notes that -

1) The Keble Arts Festival was extremely successful and well attended in TT2013.

2) The Keble Arts Festival is reliant on money from the Keble Association for its funding.

3) The Keble Association has not granted the Keble Arts Festival 2014 with their full requested

amount, thus leaving us short of the basic funding to put on the Arts Festival.

4) The JCR Arts and Publications officers are mandated to organise the Arts Festival.

This JCR believes that (optional) -

1) The Keble Arts Festival should continue to thrive and provide a week of free and fun events for the whole of the JCR.

2) The Keble Arts Festival should attract top speakers, workshops and events.

This JCR therefore resolves to

1) Give £500 to the Keble Arts Festival bank account to be used for the Arts Festival taking place in 6th week of Hilary 2014. Any money not spent will be repaid to the JCR.

Issues raised:

- Proposer: this year as last year did not get full funding from KA, would like to avoid corporate sponsorship; week is full of free events open to Keble students and university-wide: art, fashion, music, film, poetry etc.; money is necessary for the event to go ahead
- Money about the money please? Received £1,000 from KA, money goes to speaker events need to have the budget there for people to come along, have to pay for licencing for films, small refreshments; will break down if necessary for exactly what the money will be spent on, any money left over will be paid back

VOTES FOR: 53 VOTES AGAINST: 0 ABSENTIONS: 2

THIS MOTION PASSES.

Motion 5: A Thank You To Greg

Proposer: Flo Barnett

Seconder: Benedict Gardener

The JCR notes that:

- 1. The JCR has three bikes, all of which regularly go out of action due to damage.
- 2. The JCR does not have a specific officer mandated to fix the bikes or maintain them.

3. Greg regularly fixes not only the JCR bikes but a number of bikes of JCR members without any compensation.

4. Without Greg, many JCR members would suffer the loss of being able to cycle anywhere in Oxford.

5. Greg was not born with bike duties, but had bike duties thrust upon him.

The JCR believes that:

- 1. The JCR should recognise the work Greg does for us.
- 2. Currently, Greg suffers from dirtying himself with bike oil.
- 3. Greg would look hot in a boiler suit.

Therefore, the JCR resolves to:

1. Reimburse Flo approximately £35 for the purchase of a boiler suit with Greg's name embroidered into it (only £1.95 for the embroidery) for use when fixing bikes.

Issues raised:

- Proposer: Greg didn't ask us to put this motion in, needs to be rewarded is nice to do so even though he enjoys it will fix anyone's bike, if he didn't fix the JCR then we wouldn't have them; also quite amusing
- Would it be able to mandate it that he has to wear this when fixing bikes? Greg would choose to
- What colour? Navy blue (brings out his eyes), red embroidery (Keble colours)

VOTES FOR: 54

VOTES AGAINST: 0 ABSENTIONS: 0

THIS MOTION PASSES.

Motion 6: PS3

Proposed by: Rishi Chotai Seconded by: Jacob Wedderburn-Day

This JCR Notes that:

- 1. The bar is not open at all times
- 2. The PS3 has been in the JCR for the last week and has caused no problems

This JCR resolves to:

1. Keep the PS3 in the JCR with the option to move it to the bar for special events at the discretion of the JCR Committee

Issues raised:

- Proposer: wanted to find out where people preferred the PS3
- Mixed feelings, the reason for the PS3 was to encourage people to come to the bar, then caused JCR and college to buy a new TV to play the PS3 but on the other hand it means people who aren't JCR members pay for it; proposed amendment keep PS3 in the JCR but clause to move it back to the bar at the discretion of the JCR, i.e. if the bar numbers fall *friendly amendment*
- History of things getting broken in the JCR, how will this be prevented? What has priority over the TV, those who want to watch the TV or play PS3? Hopefully won't get broken, trust people; TV will get priority over the PS3
- Would it not be possible to have the bar room open without it serving? Can book it out at the Lodge but Matt might be wary about this earlier in the year main reason was that Matt couldn't cover up the taps (will chase up with Matt)
- PS3 annoying in the bar, unnecessary commentary on FIFA changed atmosphere of the bar esp. in the evenings
- Can it go in the JCR2, JCR is a good space and could get a key to use it? If it is compatible, nurse uses it as a waiting room
 - \circ $\,$ More people are in and out, not that secure compared to the JCR $\,$
- Vote for where it should be:
 - In JCR: 14
 - o In bar: 3
 - In JCR2: 20
 - Therefore will amend the motion: 'keep the PS3 in the JCR2....'
- If this fails then it will move back to the bar? Yes
- Can you play DVDs in the JCR? Can play them off laptops
- What are the current rules for entering JCR2? Need to get keys from the lodge, have to keep BOD card behind the desk

VOTES FOR: 18 VOTES AGAINST: 7 ABSENTIONS: 16

THIS MOTION FAILS - motion didn't reach quorum so will be re-voted on next week

4. Any other Business:

- college keen on getting students to apply for Student Support Fund not enough people apply for it: from struggling to fund internships, unexpected problem with getting financial help; do keep an eye out for further emails
- Jack's bedtime story...
- Conclusion of the Warden's pjamas