

# St John's College Junior Common Room

## The People's Republic of St Giles

Minutes for the 3rd meeting of Trinity Term 2015  
10th of May 2015, 8.30pm, JCR

### i/ Minutes of the previous meeting

### ii/ Matters arising from the minutes

### iii/ Officers' reports

### iv/ Reps' reports

Beth asked if the Academic Affairs Officer will give a proper report. Christina said this would be sorted.

Harry asked the same of the Bike Rep - Blathnaid said this would be sorted.

### v/ Ratifications

### vi/ Items for discussion

### vii/ Agenda Items

#### k/ The "Massage a Finalist" Motion

Proposer: Beth Candlin

Seconded: Churlur Gurmurn

**Procedural motion to move this motion up the agenda PASSED**

Isobel asked what kind of massage would be given - Beth informed us just a basic back one. Isobel further asked if some of the slots could be organised around labs - Beth confirmed this could happen.

**PASSED clear majority**

#### a/ The motion to support Students for Happiness

Proposer: Cecilia Herbert

Seconded: Georgina Berriman

**PASSED clear majority, nem con**

#### b/ Oxford Dignity Drive Motion

Proposer: Cecilia Peker

Seconded: Katy Haigh

**PASSED clear majority, nem con**

#### c/ The Save the Children Nepal Earthquake Appeal Charity Motion

Proposer: Lidia Fanzo

Seconded: Bethan Candlin

**PASSED clear majority, nem con**

**d/ The “Positive Minds” Motion**

Proposer: Chiara Bleckenwegner

Seconded: Maham Khan

**PASSED** clear majority, nem con

**e/ The Oxford RAG Charity Motion**

Proposer: Chris Williams

Seconded: Cecilia Peker

**PASSED** clear majority, nem con

**f/ The Kidney Research UK Charity Motion**

Proposer: Chris Williams

Seconded: Cecilia Peker

**PASSED** clear majority, nem con

**g/ Donate to GiveDirectly**

Proposer: Romily Tahany

Seconded: Jack Weston

**PASSED** clear majority, nem con

**h/ The “Support Big Shiny Building!” Charity Motion**

Proposer: Sophie Louth

Seconded: Tim Biasi

Neither Proposer nor Seconder were present to outline the motion.

Alastair raised the point that if we gave to this charity, the scale-down of money available would hurt other charities (giving to Nepal in particular).

Beth asked why were trying to fund this, given the club isn't even in Oxford. Andrew wanted to make clear that everyone is allowed to vote “no”, even though for charities motions especially everyone tends not to. Alastair further added that we knew nothing of planning permission, what the building will be etc.

**FELL** clear majority

**i/ Giving What We Can motion**

Proposer: Adam Kashani

Seconded: Edward Higson

**MOTION NOT HEARD** - Giving What We Can is one of our annual charities, and so cannot constitutionally be donated to in a charities motion

**l/ The First Responders at Events Motion**

Proposer: Kim

Seconded: Ssuuna

Christina noted that we were on point for a record-fast meeting. Kim then outlined the motion, and Lidia added that it had been very successful with the MCR.

Finch noted that the motion had been written along MCR lines, but that these terms could be fixed. Matt asked who would be first responders - Christina said members of college who had been trained, perhaps organised by the Welfare Officers.

Jacob asked how they would be recognised - Beth answered that they'd be wearing fluorescent vests. Finch asked if non-sexual harassment would also be covered in the training, and Lidia said yes but the focus would be on sexual harassment.

Daniil wanted to know if bops would still happen if this motion passed and no responders volunteered/were trained - Christina said that people would volunteer, and regardless bops would take place.

Louise wanted to know if people were committed once they had been trained - Christina said no.

Lidia delivered two notes of strong support from Goodman and Ssuuna.

Andrew asked how this scheme would be advertised - Christina replied with newsletter, facebook etc. as usual. Also in freshers week the welfare officers would advertise.

In support, Finch said that if nothing bad happens, the bop is unchanged - but if something does happen, then instead of being a big mess it's dealt with quickly and cleanly. Matt asked what the consequences of something going to the dean would be: Lidia said this depends on the incident.

**PASSED clear majority**

#### **viii/ Any other business**

Your Secretary consulted on the issue of giving to charity in relation to the ongoing constitutional reform - the general consensus was for some kind of proportional system, rather than voting through arbitrary amounts of money that would then be scaled down, perhaps using tokens like Waitrose (suggested by Finch).

Finch noted that the Saints won their rugby game. Cecilia raised awareness for the charities sweatshirts, Katy asked that people donate to the Dignity Drive, Manby noted the upcoming roadshow and Teachfirst event.

Meeting closed 21:08.

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