

## Goodricke College Junior Common Room Committee Meeting Minutes – 10/03/11

<b>Date:</b>	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2011 (18:39 – 19:57)
<b>Venue:</b>	GCR
<b>Chair:</b>	Nacho Hernando Serrano
<b>Attendees:</b>	Nacho Hernando Serrano (NHS), Thomas Peligro Martin (TPM), Hannah Colbourne (HC), Joshua Henning (JH), Liam McDaid (LMD), Russell Joyce (RJ), Francesca Peach (FP), Danielle Smith (DS), Greg Hinds (GH), James Killer (JK), Hayden Watson (HW), Christina Oulton (CO), Megan Cross (MC), Katy Mills (KM), Katie Whiteside (KW), Emily Niamh Miller (ENM), Tom Merriman (TM), Tom Finnerty (TF), Nat Hanks (NH), Florian Finke (FF), Alan Robert Persaud (ARP), Hannah Roper (HR), Matthew Williams (MW), Sean Ahlstrom (SA), Anastasia Evans (AE), Joanna Carrington (JC), Terri Chopping (TC), Calum McIntyre (CMI), Grace Elizabeth Morledge (GEM), Arthur Jiggins (AJ), Liam O'Shaughnessy (LOS), Arthur Mukembo (AM),
<b>Apologies:</b>	James Carney (JCY), Phoebe Collier (PC), Frances Ryan (FR), George Davis (GD), Antony Howard (AH), Mickey James (MJ),
<b>No Shows:</b>	Henna Ishaq (HI), Alex Gordon (AG), Paula Gallagher (PG), Rory James (RYJ), Li Zhang (LZ), Harry Clementson (HCS), Emily Hogan (EH), Abigail Rushton (AR), Claudia Medina-Moralejo (CMM),
<b>Next meeting:</b>	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2011 at 18:30, GCR

- NHS opened the meeting at 18:39.
- NHS introduces Oscar Ford who gave a business proposition which he (and his business partner) have for Goodricke and the other colleges (following on from a meeting he had with all the College Chairs at Union Council). Oscar is a current student here in York and his business partner in Loughborough, and they are starting up a company based around providing Fancy Dress to students. They argue that (especially with multiple events in each college per term), fancy dress can be difficult to get hold of and that their company would be able to provide a 'fancy dress pack' which would be customised for each college (i.e. for term or Fresher's Week etc). Originally they had intended to sell these packs directly to JCRC's who could then sell them on to Freshers etc. However, concerned that this might stifle creativity they instead would be able to provide a base which can be adapted upon to create a costume. They instead propose to set up a website which would allow people to pick certain items from which they can create a 'personalised' pack depending on what college they are in (and thus events they are doing). The original idea of a 'fancy dress pack' would then be sold to JCRC's as an 'emergency pack' containing core items which could be

sold to people who didn't have anything from which they could make an outfit. They propose to sell packs alongside Fresher's Week tickets with a portion of the profit from each sale going to JCRC's with 'emergency packs' being directly bought and sold by the JCRC's during Fresher's Week itself.

- Following on from the pitch, NHS opened up the floor to questions. Initially, HW asked about the price of each 'pack'. It was stated that they would be approximately £15 but would cater for 3-4 events each.
- SA asked for clarification on whether the JCRC would collaborate on the design of and what goes into each 'pack', the answer to which was yes.
- LOS asked at what price the colleges would buy the 'emergency packs' at. It was replied that the 'packs' would be purchased at approximately £15 and then sold on for a profit by each college.
- AJ brought up the point that if we were to purchase 200 'packs' then that would equate to roughly £3000, which is a large investment with a high risk using capital that most colleges won't have. The point was well taken, and it was explained that if we try to push the sale of 'packs' through their website which would avoid colleges directly "forking out" and that emergency packs could be purchased using a deposit (i.e. 60%) so not all the money would have to be paid upfront and that if some went unsold they could be sold back at a reduced price.
- SA asked if we would have to place a minimum order. Oscar replied that as the business was only just starting out and "testing the water" they would not be setting a minimum order for 'packs'.
- JK asked at what stage their business and business plan were at. It was reiterated that the business is just starting out however they have a list of potential suppliers (though they have yet to set up accounts which they are still in the process of doing). However it was just a case of coming up with the contents of 'packs' and agreeing on them.
- KM stated that this year, Goodricke has had a lack of fancy dress events thus questioning the need to purchase fancy dress packs. Oscar then outlined how the business model was flexible so that if we needed "less stuff" then they would sell us less at a reduced price.
- KM also questioned that with the same basic 'stuff' being provided in each pack, wouldn't it mean that everyone who bought one would look virtually the same. It was replied that this problem would be addressed through the website and that each customer could choose from a potential list of items which would provide a similar base but still maintain a degree of individuality.
- TF questioned the advantage of using the company over simply ordering fancy dress items directly from suppliers. The response being that it would save the JCRC time, effort and initial capital.
- KM suggested that Freshers (amongst others) wouldn't want to pay £15-20 for fancy dress outfits. It was then replied that the packs would contain predominantly accessories rather than whole outfits and thus would be useful for a number of events. TM then suggested selling tickets through the YUSU website with NHS also suggesting a standard Fresher's Week ticket being sold followed by a second more expensive ticket which would also include a pack (sold in advance). However it was again suggested that people would be unwilling to pay a greater price and that there would be no real financial gain for us as a JCRC as returns will not be guaranteed.

- TPM asked what experience Oscar and his business partner had. He (Oscar) conceded that both him and his business partner (both being first year students) had relatively little experience however they did conduct a “relatively successful” trial at Christmas selling Santa suits and hats etc.
- LOS suggested just focussing on the online part of the proposal. This was generally agreed with by those present, with Oscar also stating that they price would then depend on the number of items being bought in a pack with not the same level of risk being taken.
- JK then suggested that Freshers buy Fresher’s Week tickets directly from us, with us then directing Freshers to their website which could then sell personalised Goodricke Freshers packs which then provides advertisement for them with no risk for us.
- NHS then suggested that following feedback, Oscar and his business partner should see how they could incorporate these ideas and suggestions into their website and then to contact NHS again when details etc. have been finalised.
- NHS then brought a second issue to the attention of the JCRC about (former Goodricke) bar McQ’s currently located in James College with the university plans for YUSU to take over the bar and with its potential imminent closure and possible relocation into the Roger Kirk Centre by Commercial Services.
- ARP reported that the initial plan had been for Commercial Services and YUSU to (in a joint project) redesign McQ’s however Commercial Services have side-lined YUSU and taken the proposal well beyond its original plan. He also reported that an initial phase of the project had been for YUSU to get McQ’s in a newly constructed building however there has now been a proposed Phase two which would see the bar being relocated inside the Roger Kirk centre with a reduced capacity and resembling and “airport lounge”.
- NHS stated his opinion that the Senior University Management doesn’t take student views into account so we need to help James College and effectively draw a line in the sand.
- ARP backed up NHS’s point, and stated that Commercial Services do what they like and don’t really care what we say (in relation to everything, not just with McQ’s). He also stated that they (Commercial Services) are taking McQ’s and giving it a capacity of around 50+ and an “airport lounge” style and feel which won’t be for students but rather businesses. Most worryingly of all, he stated that James College have only been given a week to complain against this decision.
- NHS also reports that this is not the first time that Commercial Services have done something like this at an awkward time for JCRC’s to respond with their attempt to change two of Vanbrugh’s Blocks to catered accommodation over the Christmas break.
- ARP reported that 1000 signatures are needed university wide to give the Campaigns Sub-Committee and James College more time to react and organise a resistance against the proposals. (At this point a petition was passed round against the proposed plans and in support of James College with every JCRC Officer present having the opportunity to sign if they wished). ARP also stated that he intends to go round Goodricke and try to collect as many signatures as possible over the coming few days.
- NHS also stated that all the colleges need to provide a united front against this because it will be harder for Commercial Services to fight for the proposal with universal college objection and suggested that if we help out James now, then they may be more willing to assist us in regards to the issue with the Porters being located to the HUB etc.

- SA stated that as a fourth year student (and thus former resident of Goodricke during its last years on Heslington West), he remembered McQ's when it was Goodricke's bar and the social space in Old Goodricke and thus he for one really cares about it and implored that all the JCRC should be passionate about it. SA also stated his opinion that it was a very stupid idea and that at least the current McQ's isn't part of the Roger Kirk Centre and has its own independent entrance.
- ARP stated that McQ's had even made a profit last year and that Commercial Services are simply trying to save money.
- HC suggested that they were trying to McQ's to the Roger Kirk because of the abject failure of the building as an entertainment venue.
- LMD asked about YUSU's official position on the matter considering their initial involvement in the venture. NHS replied that YUSU were so far staying silent on the matter but he would try and clarify their official position.
- ARP also mentioned that current YUSU President Tim Ngwena stated that YUSU started out in cooperation with Commercial Services but Commercial Services took over and effectively ran away with the project.
- NHS reaffirmed that we need to provide a united college front.
- ARP stated that representatives of both Commercial Services and James College will be speaking in James College JCR at 18:30 tomorrow (11/03/11).
- AM reports that Commercial Services gave James college over a year to turn McQ's around which they have done as it is currently making a profit yet they have ignored that fact entirely in making their decision.

### Officer Reports:

#### Vice Chair for Services – Hannah Colbourne:

- HC reports that she will be staging a sleep in outside McQ's bar in James College for Amnesty International if anyone wishes to attend and support her.
- HC asks that if anyone is organising an event for next term then can they please liaise with her so that she can have the details (i.e. times/dates etc).
- HC asked what the committee felt about holding a Summer Ball next term which considering Goodfest in Week 6 and potential clashes with exams would have to be held in either Week 1 or 2 or during Week 10 of next term. NHS stated that holding post exam in Week 2 would be the preferable idea with perhaps the event simply being a meal and venue in York rather than a large formal event. HC to look into it and report back with pricings etc.
- ARP added that (through his association with Vodka Revolutions), they would be willing to offer us a free bar providing that we can guarantee a certain level of turnout to the event.
- TC asks whether she can organise a JCRC social to celebrate the end of term next week. The answer to which was yes, TC to liaise with HC over details.

#### Vice Chair for Democracy and Welfare – Thomas Peligro Martin:

- TPM pleased to report that he attended his first Welfare Sub-Committee meeting last week.
- TPM reports that following reports of some rooms in Goodricke flooding, a review into the situation is currently in progress.

- TPM reports that next term, he will be trying to organise more events for underrepresented students/groups (i.e. LGBT etc).
- TPM reiterates what AM stated about Welfare Drop in Sessions (see Welfare Officer report) and that he will assist in re-evaluating them for next term.
- TPM is looking into the proposal for campus wide wireless internet.
- TPM also outlined his intention to issue a survey asking what Goodricke students want to see (Welfare wise) next term.

Secretary – Joshua Henning:

- Nothing to report this week.

Treasurer – James Killer:

- JK stated that he has nothing to report other than asking whether or not we have received the Goodricke ties and that he will not pay until their receipt is confirmed.

Welfare Officers – Emily Niamh Miller, Arthur Mukembo:

- Welfare Officers report that the Goodricke Bowling event went well however we lost and only eight people turned out (to James College's sixteen).
- ENM reports that next term they intend to organise another bowling trip and a Laser quest event (again possibly with James College).
- The Welfare Officers report that the Cult Movie nights will now begin next term.
- The Welfare Officers gave a reminder that the Feed 1000 event will be held next Thursday (17/03/11) on Vanbrugh Paradise.
- ENM reported that she had received a complaint from Kate Richards that she had ordered a Goodricke Hoodie last term but never received it. The Merchandise Officers replied that due to the loss of all records during the handover last term, their advice is to ask her to resend her request.
- AM reports that the turnout for the Welfare Drop in Sessions has so far been zero however he also reports that people have been approaching him at that the Welfare Officers will approach the Drop in Sessions from a "new angle" next term.
- AM is also pleased to report that £15,000 was raised from FUSION this year so thanks all those who attended.

RAG Officers – Christina Oulton, Megan Cross, Li Zhang:

- RAG Officers report that they are trying to organise a Krispy Kreme sale for next week however due to delivery issues (the nearest pick up point being in Manchester), that it is likely this event will now take place at the beginning of next term and will include a small batch of perhaps 50 to see how popular it is.
- HC suggested that Krispy Kreme's should also be ordered for Goodfest.

Sports Reps – Tom Merriman, Tom Finnerty, Claudia Medina-Moralejo, Hannah Roper:

- The Sports Reps are pleased to report that despite having a small team; Goodricke College came third in the Inter College Swimming Gala held last Wednesday (02/02/11).
- TF stated that Rugby College 10's will take place this Saturday.

- The Sports Reps gave details on the College 'Fun Run' event which will take place this Sunday including free pizza for all those who take part. TM also asked about how we would regulate the event so that only those who take part receive pizza at the end. It was suggested that Wristbands be used which we have supplies of. TM also asks that if anyone is free to help organise the event (especially Ordinary Officers) then can they please liaise with him asap. The event will begin at 13:15 on Sunday (13/03/11) near the Sport's Pavilion and TM also asked to borrow some spare Goodricke T-shirts (which is was replied he can) and asks that all those who are taking part should try and wear either Goodricke paraphernalia or green to the event.

Merchandise Officers – Francesca Peach, Danielle Smith:

- The Merchandise Officers report that they are currently waiting on hoodies to be delivered and report that they are sticking to green in regards to the colour scheme due to costs etc. that will be added in ordering multiple colour batches.
- The Merchandise Officers are due to collect the Goodricke ties following the meeting today and sell them tomorrow (11/03/11) from 19:00 to 20:00 in the JCR for all those who want them in preparation for the School Disco themed Block Party on Saturday (12/03/11).
- The Merchandise Officers also report that the Goodricke Joggers are almost ready and that they just need to obtain a colour sample.

Press and Publicity Officers – Paula Gallagher, Katy Mills, Rory James, Matthew Williams:

- P&P report that they have got posters for the Cult Film night but due to a clash this weekend with the Block Party will wait until next term to put them up.
- KM reports that the P&P Officers will be going around the Blocks following on from the meeting to put up posters.
- TF reports that he will email the Sports Posters tonight (following on from the meeting).
- P&P Officers report that this issue of the Goodricke Gazette is coming together nicely and that they have lots of stuff already which is going really well. However MW asks that if anyone has any more stuff to be included then can it be please be emailed to him asap.
- P&P Officers state that they aim to release the Goodricke Gazette next Thursday or Friday (Week 10).
- KM asked how NHS was progressing in respects to the P&P partial signatory. NHS replied that he is still waiting on it.

Sponsorship Officers – Abigail Rushton, Emily Hogan:

- Nothing to report this week.

Bar(less) Officers – Hayden Watson, James Carney:

- HW reported that both he and JCY have provisionally began to organise events for next term with a Pub Golf event scheduled for Week 1, a Bar Crawl in Week 4 and an 'Invasion' event post Goodfest.
- Bar(less) Officers to liaise with HC over exact timings for events so that she can create a timetable for events next term.

LGBT Officers – Henna Ishaq, Liam O'Shaughnessy:

- LOS stated that he had nothing to report this week other than that the Gender divide in sport lecture has now likely been postponed until next term.

Environment and Ethics Officer – Frances Ryan:

- Nothing to report this week.

Ordinary Officers – Anthony Howard, Alex Gordon, Greg Hinds, George Davis:

- GH reported that both he and AH tried to update the JCRC board outside the JCR but were unable to find the key to open it. NHS to send Mandy and email to see if it can be located.
- ARP asks that Ordinary Officers assist him in going round the blocks and acquiring signatures for the McQ's petition. Ordinary Officers to liaise with the Campaigns Officer over this.

ENTs Officers – Phoebe Collier, Joanna Carrington, Anastasia Evans:

- The ENTs reported that the Courtyard has been booked for next term – one with a late license and one without.
- JC reported that she has been liaising with Tokyo in regards to themes for the above events. She suggested that an opinion poll be placed on the website to decide from a list of possible themes. ARP suggested that this be included as a question in the Goodricke College Census which he is in the process of compiling. NHS added that if anyone wishes to add a question related to their position to this then they should liaise with ARP asap.
- ENTs to liaise with Technical Officers about setting up the sound system again for this Saturday's Block Party event (12/03/11). NHS reminded everyone that at 00:00, the volume will have to be reduced to avoid incurring the wrath of the Porters again.
- NHS also reported that he has proposed a YUSU motion to mandate them to provide Goodricke with a megaphone.

JCR Officers – Grace Elizabeth Morledge, Terri Chopping:

- TC reports that there will be another Block Party (this time with a School Disco theme) held this Saturday evening (12/3/11) in the JCR.

Social Secretaries – Harry Clementson and Calum McIntyre:

- CMI reports that the Goodricke does Amsterdam trip left "about half an hour ago".
- CMI also reports that the Social Secretaries are currently beginning to draw up plans for where to go next year in regards to trips.

Disabilities Officers – Sean Ahlstrom, Arthur Jiggins:

- SA reports that he has purchased food for the Games Night being held tonight.
- SA has completed his articles for the Goodricke Gazette.
- SA also reported that AJ is currently constructing a Disabilities section for the website.

International Officers – Nat Hanks, Florian Finke:

- NH and FF report that they are still trying to organise a meeting with a representative of ISA (International Students Association). NHS asks that they let him know the time/date of the meeting once it has been arranged.

Volunteering Officers – Katie Whiteside, Mickey James:

- KW reported that the Volunteering challenge event was held last Saturday at St Nicholas Fields and that we had about the same turnout as the other colleges.

Campaigns Officer – Alan Robert Persaud:

- ARP (other than the issues already mentioned), reports that he is currently working on obtaining sponsorship for P&P.
- ARP also reiterates that if any position has a question/s which they want included in his Goodricke College Census then can they please liaise with him asap.

Technical Officers – Liam McDaid and Russell Joyce:

- Technical Officers report that Equipment Training will take place at 10:00 on Wednesday morning Week 10 (16/03/11) in the JCR, and that anyone is free to attend if they wish but it would be good if as many attend that can to ensure that there will always be someone present at events that can set up the equipment if either LMD or RJ are unable to attend.
- LMD reported that they have changed the email system over to Google and that a few people are still to activate their email on this system so they ask that if you have yet to do so, then please can you do it asap.
- Technical Officers report they have changed the web hosting and have gotten a refund from the previous company.
- LMD stated that he had gone through all of our AV equipment and reported on what needs to be done including PAT testing etc.
- NHS asked if the Technical Officers could give Alcuin an email asking for our cables back.

Other Business:

- NHS closes the meeting at 19:57.