Goodricke College Junior Common Room Committee Meeting Minutes – 15/02/12

Date:	Wednesday 15th February 2012 (18:16 – 19:34)
Venue:	JCR
Chair:	Emily Niamh Miller
Attendees:	Emily Niamh Miller (ENM), Joshua Henning (JH), Harry Clementson (HC), Aniket Datta (AD), Matthew Ayres (MA), Danny Philpot (DP), Oli Loftus (OL), Tom Merriman (TM), Paula Gallagher (PG), Dean Hickey (DH), Elliot Keech (EK), Adam Rolewicz (AR), Ben Crawley (BC), Farah Padmanabhan (FP), Joanna Athanasi (JA), John Lamb (JL),
Apologies:	Megan Cross (MC), Alex McDonald (AMD), Josh Douglas (JD), Chrissie Baker (CB), Amy Spencer (AS), Jonny Gilchrist (JG), Sarah Harvey (SH), Josie Field (JF), Ahemd Farooq (AF), Joe Sako (JS), Lauren Hunter (LH), Devi Bridglal (DB), Jessica Britland (JB), Christina Oulton (CO), Emily Hogan (EH), Millie Jones (MJ), Mason Gurney (MG), Lizzie Baxter (LB), Tom Wilkinson (TW), Greg Walsh(GW), Russell Joyce (RJ), Henna Ishaq (HI),
No Shows:	Liam O'Shaughnessy (LOS), Hannah Kennedy (HK), Leon Aves (LA), Emily Woods (EW), David Cribb (DC), Sope Adekola (SA), Eleanor Utting (EU), Conan Osborne (COS), Karl Jones (KJ), Liam McDaid (LMD), Doris Llumigusin (DL), Katy Mills (KM), Lynette Wieland (LW),
Next meeting:	Thursday 23rd February 2012 at 18:30, JCR

- ENM opened the meeting at 18:16.
- ENM began by thanking all those who had managed to attend the meeting, considering the change in date and time due to the Newcastle trip and Intercollege swimming gala respectively.
- ENM began by discussing the recent Vice Chancellor's visit to Goodricke which occurred earlier that afternoon. ENM added that those who attended were those who were required to attend and those who she had chosen to invite (approximately ten JCRC members in total) as well as postgraduates and members of the College Welfare Team.
- ENM continued, stating that a lot of issues had been brought up with the Vice Chancellor Brian Cantor and Jane Grenville followed by a friendly game of table tennis with ENM and MC pitting their skills against those of Cantor-Grenville.
- ENM also reported that she had submitted the bid application for the Grenville grant and stated that she would make a copy of it [the application] available to all those who want to see it.

- ENM also spoke about the intercollege summer festival event proposed by Laura Watson (James College Chair). She stated that she will be attending a meeting with both the aforementioned as well as the other college chairs to discuss/find out more details concerning the proposal next week and will report back. However she also added that if it were to go ahead, it would require a sizeable financial input from each college which would most likely equal approximately £2000.

Events Sub Committee Feedback:

- ENM gave details on the proposed 'Goodtimes' events which are to be the new branding for twice termly Goodricke events that shall become our signature events. (Such as 'G-Spot', 'Rehab' and other past Goodricke events).
- AD suggested that we should combine this event with the proposed Laser Quest event however ENM replied that Mandy is having issues with the idea of holding a Laser Quest event in the HUB and however continued that both she and MC were working on it.
- ENM also asked that all Officers try to ask Goodrickers what their thought are on the events we hold, and whether or not people think they are a success or not, then report back to the committee concerning it.

Welfare Sub Committee Feedback:

- Nothing to report this week.

Officer Reports:

Vice Chair for Democracy and Welfare – Liam O'Shaughnessy:

- Nothing to report this week.

Vice Chair for Services – Megan Cross:

- Nothing to report this week.

Secretary – Joshua Henning:

- JH gave details on a letter that he had received from the 'University of York Living Wage Campaign', asking for our support in their campaign. The following is a full copy of the letter which JH received:
  "*Hi Josh,*
  I am emailing you on behalf of the University of York Living Wage Campaign. We are newly formed non-partisan group of students committed to bringing the Living Wage to York.
  The Living Wage is the minimum income required for an individual to meet their normal housing, health and family needs, and therefore not live in poverty. It is independently calculated by the Centre for Research in Social Policy at Loughborough University. Outside of London it is set at £7.20. The Living Wage campaign is not affiliated to any political party. However it is supported by individuals across the political spectrum; from David Cameron and Boris Johnson to Ed Miliband and Caroline Lucas.
  From our Freedom of Information we know that over 150 university workers are paid below the Living Wage. Some of the information given to us by the University suggests that the cost

of implementing a Living Wage for these workers could be as little as £11,000. When compared to the tens of millions spent on Hes East and Brian Cantor's salary of over £250,000 it is clear that this is not a significant sum of money to university.
We are planning on staging a YUSU referendum next term as well other publicity events on campus. In the mean time we asking JCRC's to pass the following motion:
"We (X) JCRC, ask that the University of York pay all workers on campus the Living Wage. This is in recognition of independent research which shows that only this wage can provide the basic housing, health and family requirements for people in the York area. This motion shows our support for the Living Wage and not necessarily for any of the political groups involved in promoting it."
Would it be possible for you to put forward at your next JCRC? If you want we can provide a speaker to explain the Living Wage. So far only Langwith have voted on this; with 21 in favour, 0 against and 5 abstentions.
I'll be in touch next week to see if there is anything else you need to know.
All the best,
Tom Anderson"

- Following a lengthy discussion, with suggestions including; we invite them to an Open Meeting or give them an 'Open Spot' event in the Nucleus where they can come and promote their campaign to Goodrickers. However it was eventually decided that because the issue itself isn't really an issue we as a JCRC can take a stance on considering that all Goodrickers would be able to vote on the proposal at a YUSU referendum anyway. However due to the fact that less than half the JCRC were present at the meeting, the JCRC were unable to vote whether or not to support the proposal under our Constitution, therefore it was decided to postpone the decision until next week with JH contacting Tom Anderson to get a few more details on the proposal.
- JH also spoke about the on-going YUSU elections and following discussion suggested that we have an 'Open Spot' for all candidates, inviting them to visit Goodricke and lay out their manifestos etc. to Goodrickers.
- It was decided that candidates shall be invited to attend the end of next week's JCRC meeting (from 19:30 onwards) so that they may lay out their policies and we may then also use it as an opportunity to publicise the Goodricke JCRC Opening Meeting which is currently scheduled for Wednesday Week 8 (29/02/12).
- ENM to create a Facebook event publicising the 'Open Spot' Meeting.
- JH also asked that all positions think of things that they may wish to be changed/amended in our Constitution in light of the Open Meeting in Week 8 and liaise with him regarding this ASAP so that he may make the necessary arrangements.

<u>Treasurer – Harry Clementson:</u>

- JH asked HC when he would be delivering a full budget report to the JCRC.
- HC replied that it would be fine for him to do and would get details for next week's meeting.
- HC also stated that "we are not spending enough" with several positions, notably welfare, currently under their prescribed budget. HC also added that he has however spoken to all positions about a proposed budget for their respective events etc.

<u>Bar(less) Officers – Alex McDonald and Josh Douglas:</u>

- Nothing to report this week.

Campaigns Officer – Chrissie Baker and Farah Padmanabhan:

- Nothing to report this week.

Disabilities Officers – Jonny Gilchrist and Amy Spencer:

- Nothing to report this week.

Entertainment Officers – Emily Woods, Hannah Kennedy and Leon Aves:

- ENM congratulated the ENTs Officers on a successfully improvised Valentine's Day event following Derwent pulling out of the 'Valentine's Day Massacre' event at the last moment. Following a discussion on a successful evening, it was also asked that if anyone knows what happened to our esteemed Vice Chair LOS, then they should contact him ASAP.

Environment and Ethics Officer – David Cribb and Dean Hickey:

- DH gave details on the Environment and Ethics Officers "Think Green, Think Goodricke campaign which Derwent FM have agreed to become our 'eco-sponsors' for.
- DH outlined the initial plan for the campaign which will involve a prize of a £50 voucher for the Goodricke flat or individual/s that come up with the best green initiative that can be implemented in Goodricke.
- It was asked whether JCRC members are allowed to enter the competition too. DH replied that they would be allowed too.
- DH also stated that full details would be given soon with publicity etc. for the campaign also following.

International Officers – Aniket Datta and Sope Adekola:

- AD stated that the ISA are now unwilling to fund us for the proposed Sushi night event originally proposed for Week 7 due to event clashes amongst other things however continued that they would be willing to fund us during Week 8 if we are able to fill out the correct forms in time.
- HC suggested that Saturday Week 8 would be a good time to hold the event and stated that he would assist both AD and SA in completing all required paperwork and financial stuff.

Janet Baker Court Representatives – Matthew Ayres and Sarah Harvey:

- Nothing to report this week.

Kenneth Dixon Court Representatives – Position Vacant:

- Nothing to report this week.

LGBT Officers – Josie Field:

- Nothing to report this week.

Marketing Officers – Ahemd Farooq and Joanna Athanasi:

- A discussion concerning the weekly JCRC timetable occurred with FP and several others stating that they thought it was good and had received generally good feedback.

- JH suggested that due to their success it might be worth producing them in A3 due to make them standout more.
- JA however replied that the cost may be prohibitively high in producing all posters in A3 rather than A4.
- A discussion concerning whether or not it would be worth investing in a JCRC printer occurred however it was decided that it would wouldn't be a feasible idea.
- Following further discussion however, it was decided that due to the cost of posters for other events, we could produce all timetables in A3 but that would mean that we don't produce other event posters rather only put a notice of the event on the weekly timetable (with a few exceptions for specific events such as Goodfest etc.). HC stated that this proposal would mean that A3 timetables would cost about the same as producing all A4 posters at the present.
- ENM stated that we shall trial this proposal of producing timetables in A3 and see what the reception is like to evaluate whether or not we will continue advertising events in this method.
- DH also reminded all Officers that if they are taking posters down then they should try to recycle as many of the old posters as possible.
- MA also suggested that we send a copy of the weekly timetable to Sarah Hay so that it may be placed in her regular Friday newsletter.
- RJ also stated that he could put it up on the screens in the Nucleus.

<u>Merchandise Officers – Joe Sako and Lauren Hunter:</u>

- Nothing to report this week.

<u>Newsletter Officers – Adam Rolewicz and Devi Bridgal:</u>

- AR stated that following a conversation with JH where he had stated that several YUSU Election candidates had approached JH asking for a platform to promote their manifesto to Goodrickers through the Goodricke Newsletter. However AR wished to clarify that this did not break any election rules if they were to publish items.
- JH responded that because the candidates had contacted him and because theoretically any candidate can request a space in the magazine and it can be viewed on the Goodricke website by anyone that it won't convene any election rules.
- Following further discussion on the matter, including suggestions of adding a disclaimer professing no endorsement to any candidate shown that it may be ok though should probably be clarified. Therefore ENM asked JH to email the YUSU Returning Officer to clarify the situation.

<u>Oliver Sheldon Court Representatives – Danny Philpot and Jessica Britland:</u>

- Nothing to report this week.

<u>RAG Officers – Christina Oulton, Eleanor Utting, Emily Hogan and Millie Jones:</u>

- Nothing to report this week.

<u>Social Officers – Mason Gurney and Elliot Keech:</u>

- EK stated that the Newcastle City trip will be taking place tomorrow (post meeting 16/02/12), and that LMD will be driving to Leeds to pick up the T-Shirts.
- FP asked what the role of the stewards would be with HC replying that the stewards can drink but have the primary role of ensuring that everyone makes it safely back to the bus at the end of the night.
- EK was also pleased to announce that we will make a £204 profit from the trip.
- ENM reminded all JCRC Officers who are attending the trip to "be responsible" and assist the stewards if required to shepherd people between venues and in getting them back onto the coaches at the end of the event.

Addendum:

- [In writing up these minutes post Newcastle trip, I am pleased to announce that the trip was a massive success and that the Social Officers should be congratulated for a brilliantly organised trip. I for one am looking forward to the next one] – JH.

Sponsorship Officers – Tom Wilkinson and Lizzie Baxter:

- Nothing to report this week.

Sports Officers – Ben Crawley, Tom Merriman, Conan Osborne and Greg Walsh:

- Nothing to report this week.

Technical Officers – Karl Jones, Liam McDaid, Oli Loftus and Russell Joyce:

- Nothing to report this week.

Volunteering Officers – Doris Llumigusin, Henna Ishaq, Katy Mills and Lynette Wieland:

- Nothing to report this week.

Welfare Officers – John Lamb and Paula Gallagher:

- Nothing to report this week.

Other Business:

- DH also brought up the issue of a perceived "disengagement" in the Goodricke populous at the present.
- JH seconded DH's point stating that in all honesty this JCRC is seen as a joke within the college, being considered both out of touch and unable to put on popular events with few exceptions (notably, the Pub Quiz, Wristbands and City trips).
- DH also continued that we need to do some "deep digging" as a committee to come to the root of the problem and see what we can do to reverse it.
- ENM also replied that we especially need to sell this [disengagement] fact to encourage as many people as possible to attend the Open Meeting next week.
- The issues surrounding JCRC turnout at events was also raised with it being stated that not only do the bulk of some events (for instance the Cocktail event in Blue Fly and RAG Parade) number almost exclusively JCRC members and their friends but also that at some events, a JCRC presence is minimal which doesn't set a brilliant precedent to the rest of the college.
- ENM also stated that as a JCRC we have a collective responsibility to not only attend events if we're able and encourage greater participation from those who we know within the

college. She continued stating that we also have a collective responsibility to give constructive criticism and feedback on events rather than just stating that they were a failure.

- Whilst ENM also acknowledged that we (as a JCRC) clearly have a problem, she pondered whether or not the time of year or other exam factors were perhaps to blame for low turnout at events.
- ENM also suggested that we use the popular Pub Quiz event as a forum for discussing what Goodrickers think about both the JCRC and Goodricke events.
- JH stated that there seems to be a correlation between the type of accommodation a college has and their college spirit. Citing Derwent for instance who have a large college spirit but whose accommodation is older and more communal than Goodricke's, as an example.
- FP also suggested that different colleges should steward each other's events so that JCRC members can interact with and see how things are done in other colleges.
- Following much further discussion, ENM brought it to a close and suggested that all JCRC Officers have a think about and come up with suggestions for ways to improve college participation and for events that we could put on that would prove popular.
- DH stated that apparently the café in the Law and Management building offers cash back to students if requested.
- Following some discussion on the matter, ENM stated that the Porters are also able to give change if requested however there will be a cashpoint in Langwith from next year so the issue will soon be one that is solved.
- MA spoke about an idea which had been brought up by Jane Grenville in the Vice Chancellor's meeting about having a 'Harry Potter' or Oxbridge/Durham style formal gowned ball event with Jane Grenville asking those Goodricke representatives present whether or not they'd like one to be organised for Goodricke.
- Whilst the general consensus of those present was that they would like to attend a formal style event like the one proposed, following discussion it was decided that it be left until next week so that a full discussion may be had on the issue.

- ENM closes the meeting at 19:34.