

## Young Independence Council Meeting 16/06/2015

Attendance: Joe Jenkins(JJ), Fraser Walker(FW), Oliver Corbishley(OC), Dave Poole(DP), Lee Harris(LH), Thomas Hoof(TH), Jamie Hollywood(JH), Liam Vernon(LV), Darren Meacher(DM), Warren Swan(WS), Jamie Ross McKenzie(JRM), Sarah Curtis(SC), Calum Walker(CW)

Apologies: Dan Evans(DE), Michael Barge(BM)

JJ opened the meeting by extending an olive branch to the Council members and calling for unity in the wake of the Regional Election Campaign.

JJ informed the Council that Regional Elections had gone smoothly.

JJ informed the Council that YI had now achieved representation at NEC meetings.

JJ stated that YI would talk to donors to secure funding but encouraged Council members to encourage Patron's Club Signup.

FW reviewed the YI accounts and outlined expected expenses and revenues.

In light of the high level of YI election activity taking place on YI Faculty, the council discussed the possibility of introducing a new group, separate from YI Faculty, specifically for YI election campaigns.

The idea was defeated 2-10

For: LV, JH      Against: TH, JRM, DM, WS, SC, DP, LH, FW, OC, CW

Further discussion on how to better regulate election campaigns will take place over the coming weeks. TH suggested enforcing internal party election rules. The Council agreed to read these through, to be voted on at the next Council meeting.

JJ Asked the Council to vote on introducing new YI National Officers as outlined in his election manifesto.

1. On the introduction of a new position: Deputy Chairman

- Amendment: TH proposed an amendment allowing the Deputy Chairman role to be held in simultaneously with a Regional Chairman role. In the event of a single person holding both roles that individual will only be entitled to one vote on the Council.

Proposer: DE Seconder: TH

Amendment Passes 11-1

For: TH, JH, DM, WS, SC, DP, LH, FW, OC, CW, LV Against: JRM

- Vote on the introduction of the Deputy Chairman role.

Vote Passes 12-0

For: JRM, TH, JH, DM, WS, SC, DP, LH, FW, OC, CW, LV

2. On the introduction of a new position: National Coordinator

- Vote on the introduction of the National Coordinator role.

Vote Passes 10-1-1

For: TH, JH, WS, SC, DP, LH, FW, OC, CW, LV Against: DM Abstain: JRM

3. On the introduction of a new position: Media Manager

- Amendment: TH Proposed an amendment allowing the Media Manager role to be held in simultaneously with a Regional Chairman role. In the event of a single person holding both roles that individual will only be entitled to one vote on the Council.

Proposer: DE Seconder: TH

OC commented that this role was too big to be held in conjunction with another role. The Council discussed what would happen if this role became a full-time paid role in the future, with general agreement that the role would have to be entirely re-evaluated if this where to happen. Council members expressed support for a transparent, open selection process in the event that roles become paid in the future.

Amendment Failed 5-4-3

For: TH, JRM, LV, LH, WS Against: OC, CW, JH, DM Abstain: FW, DP, SC

TH asked for a re-vote.

Amendment Failed 4-8

For: TH, LV, LH, WS      Against: OC, CW, JH, DM, JRM, FW, DP, SC

- Vote on the introduction of the Media Manager role.

Vote Passes 11-1

For: JRM, TH, JH, WS, SC, DP, LH, FW, OC, CW, LV      Against: DM

4. On the introduction of a new position: Events Manager

- Amendment: TH proposed an amendment allowing the Events Manager role to be held in simultaneously with a Regional Chairman role. In the event of a single person holding both roles that individual will only be entitled to one vote on the Council.

Proposer: DE      Secunder: TH

JRM expressed concern that a conflict of interest could occur if the Events Manager simultaneously held a position as a Regional Chairman

Amendment Failed 2-10

For: TH, LV      Against: OC, CW, JH, DM, JRM, FW, DP, SC, LH, WS

- Vote on the introduction of the Events Manager role.

Vote Passes 10-1-1

For: JRM, TH, JH, WS, SC, DP, LH, FW, OC, CW      Against: LV      Abstain: DM

5. On the introduction of a new position: UKIP Students Chairman

The issue of mature students was discussed, JJ stated that students aged over 30 would not be eligible to vote in for UKIP Students Chairman because YI does not have the jurisdiction to extend the franchise to those above 30.

JRM expressed a hope that UKIP Students would one day become entirely separate from YI. JJ stated that this was the long-term goal.

- Amendment 1: TH proposed an amendment allowing the UKIP Students Chairman role to be held in simultaneously with a Regional Chairman role. In the event of a single person holding both roles that individual will only be entitled to one vote on the Council.  
Proposer: DE    Seconder: TH

Amendment Passed 11-1

For: JRM, TH, JH, WS, SC, DP, LH, FW, OC, CW, LV      Against: DM

- Amendment 2: A member must be a full-time student in tertiary education in order to run for UKIP Students Chairman  
Proposer: JRM    Seconder: JH

OC raised concerns that this would exclude potential candidates who had just completed tertiary education and may be well placed to assume this role. JJ commented that NUS officers often take up positions shortly after completing studies.

Amendment 2 Failed 5-4-3

For: JRM, JH, WS, SC, LH      Against: OC, TH, DM, CW      Abstain: DP, LV, FW

- Amendment 3: A member must have been in tertiary education in order to run for UKIP Students Chairman  
Proposer: TH    Seconder: FW

Amendment 3 Passed 10-2

For: TH, JH, WS, SC, DP, LH, FW, OC, CW, LV      Against: DM, JRM

On the introduction of a recall system for Young Independence Officers

- Proposal that officers can be recalled if 15% of the electorate calls for it.
- Amendment 1: Officers can be recalled if 10% of the electorate or 20 electors call for it, whichever is higher.  
Proposer: TH    Seconder: LH

Amendment 1 Fails 6-3-3

For: TH, LH, SC, DP, OC, LV      Against: JRM, DM, WS    Abstain: CW, JH, FW

- Amendment 2: Officers can be recalled if 15% of the electorate or 20 electors call for it, whichever is higher.

Proposer: JRM Seconder: WS

Amendment 2 Passes 12-0

For: TH, LH, SC, DP, OC, LV, JRM, DM, WS, CW, JH, FW

- Vote on the introduction of recall, with Amendment 2.

Vote Passes 11-0-1

For: JRM, TH, DM, WS, SC, DP, LH, FW, OC, CW, LV Abstain: JH

JJ suggested adding 'How YI Works' to the YI Constitution. JRM proposed that Council members read over the document ahead of a vote on the issue at the next council meeting.

- Motion to carry over to the next Council meeting

Proposer: JRM Seconder: TH

Motion Passes 12-0

For: JRM, TH, DM, WS, SC, DP, LH, FW, OC, CW, LV, JH

On the issue of releasing council minutes

OC suggests a seven day period between Council meeting and the public release of minutes, subject to the resolution of disputed minutes. During this time council members would be given the opportunity to review minutes ahead of release. TH expressed concerns regarding the possibility that Council members may be able to approve minutes containing inaccurate statements via a majority vote.

- Motion that minutes be released to the Council members within 3 days of the council meeting. Council members will then have four days to read and approve or dispute minutes. Amendments to disputed minutes will be put to a Council vote requiring 50% of the vote to pass.

Proposer: JJ Seconder: TH

Motion Passes 12-0

For: JRM, TH, DM, WS, SC, DP, LH, FW, OC, CW, LV, JH

JJ states that past minutes will be released ASAP. JRM asks that voting records also be released. JJ states that this will be done depending on the availability of past voting records, noting that all votes will be recorded going forward.

TH requests that a YI Council Facebook group be created ASAP.

JRM asks about procedure regarding removal from YI Faculty. JH suggests creating a set of rules for faculty behaviour.

- Motion to have JJ create a proposed set of rules to be discussed and voted upon at the next council meeting.

Motion Passes 12-0

For: JRM, TH, DM, WS, SC, DP, LH, FW, OC, CW, LV, JH

JJ proposes allowing party employees who have been members for less than one year to stand for YI positions. No council member is willing to second the motion at this stage.

JJ thanks Council for a successful first meeting and adjourns the meeting.