

Young Independence Council Meeting 07/07/2015

Attendance: Fraser Walker(FW), Oliver Corbishley(OC), Liam Vernon(LV), Darren Meacher(DM), Warren Swan(WS), Jamie Ross McKenzie(JRM), Sarah Curtis(SC), Dan Evans(DE), Michael Barge(BM), Matthew Mackinnon (MM)

Apologies: Joe Jenkins(JJ), Jamie Hollywood(JH), Thomas Hoof(TH), Chris Wood(CW), Lee Harris(LH), Calum Walker(CW), Kieran Warren(KW), Dave Poole(DP)

OC opened the meeting and passed the Chair to JRM

1. Motion 8 - Conference Calls

Proposer: MM Secunder: DE

Motion Passes 9-0

For: DM, MB, LV, WS, OC, DE, FW, MM, SC Against:

JRM welcomed MM to the Council and welcomed SC as the new UKIP Students Chair and himself as the new Deputy Chair. He also called for all members to focus on pushing conference

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

OC confirmed that all YI elections had been completed.

MM is entirely focused on YI Conference and is currently working on confirming speakers

SC stated that she is currently working to confirm current societies

Conference:

Efforts to confirm speakers and speaking times were discussed. The decision has been taken to end the Friday session at 3PM. A discussion of conference expenses and the necessity of each item took place.

2. Motion to remove lunch from list of items provided at Conference

Proposer: MB Seconder: MM

Motion Passed 9-0

For: DM, MB, LV, WS, OC, DE, FW, MM, SC Against:

3. Motion 1 - Deputy Chairman

Proposer: DE Seconder: SC

Motion Passes 8-0-1

For: DM, MB, LV, WS, OC, DE, FW, SC Against: Abstain: MM

4. Motion 2 - Dual Roles

Proposer: DE Seconder: OC

Motion Passes 9-0

For: DM, MB, LV, WS, OC, DE, FW, MM, SC Against:

5. Motion 3 – County Appointments

Proposer: OC Seconder: FW

Motion Passes 9-0

For: DM, MB, LV, WS, OC, DE, FW, MM, SC Against:

6. Motion 5 - Minutes and Voting Records

Proposer: JRM Seconder: FW

Motion Passes 9-0

For: DM, MB, LV, WS, OC, DE, FW, MM, SC Against:

7. Motion 6 - Recall

Proposer: DE Secunder: LV

Motion Passes 9-0

For: DM, MB, LV, WS, OC, DE, FW, MM, SC Against:

DE requested a note in the minutes that Recall needs to be further defined at a later stage.

8. Motion 7 - Removal of Officers by Council

Proposer: JRM Secunder: WS

Motion Passes 9-0

For: DM, MB, LV, WS, OC, DE, FW, MM, SC Against:

9. Motion 4 - Super-Majorities and Referenda

Proposer: JRM Secunder: OC

Motion Passes 9-0

For: DM, MB, LV, WS, OC, DE, FW, MM, SC Against:

KW Joined the meeting.

YI LinkedIn:

MM has proposed the creation of a YI LinkedIn so that YI members can register their roles. DE commented that some members working in the private sector would not want to post this information. FW said that including UKIP-related roles on CV's was typically discouraged when in the private sector. The council recognised that including this on LinkedIn is a member's personal choice and that the option should be available.

10. Motion to approve the creation of a YI LinkedIn

Proposer: MM Secunder: SC

Motion Passes 10-0

For: DM, MB, LV, WS, OC, DE, FW, MM, SC, KW Against:

YI App:

KW discussed creating a YI app, explained the functionality that could be achieved and presented the Council with mock-ups.

11. Motion to approve the creation of a YI App, to be developed by KW and presented to the Council before launching.

Proposer: KW Secunder: FW

Motion Passes 10-0

For: DM, MB, LV, WS, OC, DE, FW, MM, SC, KW Against:

YI Women:

SC brought the possibility of creating a YI Women group to the Council on behalf of private members. The Council discussed the issue of affiliation and whether this would be better served as a UKIP group rather than a YI one. Council was open to considering the idea and requested SC go back to the members proposing this and request a firm plan for the group before the Council votes on this issue.

YI Entrepreneurs/Young Entrepreneurs for Britain:

JRM wishes to introduce this group to support young entrepreneurs within YI. Stated he would form this as a non-party group if he could not get approval. Council was open to the idea and requested that JRM come back to the Council with a firm proposal before the Council votes on this issue.

YI Conference - Future Dates:

A general discussion on adjusting the dates for future annual YI Conferences was held. MM will put firm dates to the Council at the next meeting.

YI Patrons:

JRM would like to see each Council members sign up 10 Patrons during their tenure. DE suggested changing Patrons badge provider, he has requested samples from other providers. The council discussed the possibility of creating a welcome leaflet for new Patrons. KW floated the idea of creating a lower tier of Patron for those who could not afford the current subscription. Council requested that KW come back with a firmer proposal. DE suggested allowing 6/12 month subscriptions. FW to put together firm costings on the Patrons scheme. MM to propose changes to the current Patrons scheme, in particular the events requirement, at the next meeting.

UKIP Student Societies

SC is having difficulty confirming the full set of current societies. A discussion was held on creating Fresher's packs including standardised forms to ensure UKIP Students has all essential information and to ease affiliation processes. The Council discussed how we can ensure that significant party figures attend Fresher's Fairs.

AOB

DE suggested adding a donations button to the YI website.

12. Motion to approve the creation of a donation button on the YI website.

Proposer: JRM Secunder: DE

Motion Passes 9-0-1

For: MB, LV, WS, OC, DE, FW, MM, SC, KW Against: Abstain: DM

DE suggested we should set up a finance committee to ensure that any significant future expenditures are properly signed off and fully justified. The Council agreed this should be discussed in-depth at a later date.

Constitution to be updated on website to reflect changes.

Motions

Motion 1:

In addition to section amendments below a role for deputy chairman will be written into the 'how YI works' with the following:

The Deputy Chairperson shall assume the role and/or duties of the Chairman in their absence or resignation, at the chairman's request or during the period of re-election after removal of the chairman through recall.

Section X.3.4 to now read:

Membership of Young Independence confers voting rights for elections to the Young Independence National Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, Regional Chairman and County Chairman.

Section X4.2.1 to now read:

A Chairman, deputy Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer who shall be elected annually in accordance with the YI Voting Rules. The Regional Chairman will hold voting rights on the Council. Any YI Full Time Officers will be non-voting members too.

Section X.4.2.2 to now read:

the roles of Chairman, deputy chairman, Secretary and Treasurer are necessary roles and cannot be changed; all other roles may be removed or changed by a majority vote if they become unoccupied or immediately before an election period.

Section X4.4 to now read:

X.4.4 The Chairman shall chair meetings of the National Council, or in the absence of the Chairman the deputy chairman shall chair. In the absence of both the chairman and deputy chairman the secretary shall chair. In the absence of the secretary the deputy chairman shall act as secretary.

Alterations to: **Appendix 1 to the Rules of Procedure: Young Independence Voting Rules**

Section 3.1 to now read

All Proposers, Seconders and Assenters must be YI members. County Chairman and Regional Chairman just require a Proposer and Seconder within the Region they are standing for. Candidates for Chairman, deputy Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer require a Proposer, Seconder and eight Assenters from anywhere. All must be fully paid-up party members in good standing on the closing date for nominations. The Proposer, Seconder and all Assenters must be YI members.

Section 3.4 to now read

Candidates must have been a member for at least a year to run for YI Chairman, Deputy Chairman Secretary, Treasurer or Regional Chairman.

Motion 2:

Section X.5.1.3 to now read:

YI members can only hold one role within Young Independence with exception Regional Chairmen can also hold the role of either Deputy Chairman or UKIP students Chairman. If both roles are held only one vote is granted at the national council.

Motion 3:

Section X.5.1.2 to now read:

The Regional and County Chairmen shall be elected by membership in their area on a yearly basis. In the event that no suitable candidate is presented for a County position, the regional chairman may appointed at the discretion of the National Council.

Motion 4:

Section X.3.4 to now read:

X.4.3 The National Council shall act by a simple majority positively assenting to a motion, except in cases where assenting a motion would result in a change to the YI constitution. In such cases, a super-majority of two-thirds of voting members must be achieved. If this cannot be achieved, the motion may be put to a binding referendum of the YI membership by a simple majority of present voting members.

Motion 5:

Section X.3.3.1 to be added:

X.4.3.1 Minutes of council meetings with voting records of those present to be released to the Council members within 3 days of the council meeting. Council members then have four days to read and approve or dispute minutes. Amendments to disputed minutes will be put to a Council vote requiring simple majority to pass Minutes are then to be made available to all YI members. The council may request items be omitted from the minutes by simple majority in cases requiring confidentiality and for the purposes of data protection.

Motion 6:

Section X.4.6.1 to be added:

Any elected officer can be removed from their role by 'recall'. Recall mechanism is 15% of the electorate (at the time of presentation of members signatures), or 20 members (whichever is higher). Members' signatures can be electronic and must present their membership number for verification; membership must be valid at the time of verification.

Motion 7:

Section X.5.1.1 to be changed to:

X.5.1.1 Regional Chairmen and other Officers may be removed by the council by two-third majority vote of voting council members.

Motion 8:

Section X.4.5 to be changed to:

X.4.5 The National Council meet monthly, in person or by conference call.