

Young Independence Council Meeting 26/08/2015

Attendance: Joe Jenkins(JJ), Oliver Corbishley(OC), Liam Vernon(LV), Jamie Ross McKenzie(JRM), Sarah Curtis(SC), Dan Evans(DE), Kieran Warren(KW), Chris Wood(CW), Lee Harris(LH), Warren Swan(WS), Darren Meacher(DM), Matthew Mackinnon(MM)

Apologies: Michael Barge (MB), Calum Walker (CAW), Fraser Walker (FW)

JJ opens the meeting.

Chairman's Report

JJ commented that Jill Seymour MEP has been an excellent YI Honorary President, she has been ever helpful to YI, she is helping out with the YI Fringe event at national conference and she has agreed to give YI a standing donation until 2019. JJ would like The Council to send Jill a letter of thanks for her help and support.

JJ informed the council he would endorse a candidate for Mayor of London. TH advised against this. JJ made it clear he would be giving his endorsement in a personal capacity, not on behalf of YI or the YI Council.

JJ told the council silly season is almost over and more media coverage/opportunities would be coming forward soon.

Secretary's Report

OC requested council members read through past minutes and ensure they are coming back to the council on previously discussed business.

Treasurer's Report

In FW's absence, JJ requested all council members read through the written treasurer's report provided to the council.

UKIP Students

SC thanked DE and CAW for contacting universities about fresher's stalls on her behalf. She requested all council members offer whatever support they can for this.

Conference Debrief

Motion:

The Council will create a subcommittee consisting of 4 members to review lessons learned from YI Conference. The committee is to be headed by the Events Officer as will report back to the National Council.

Proposer: TH Secunder: CW

Motion passes 9-1-1

For: OC, KW, CW, SC, TH, MM, DE, DM, LV, LH Abstain: WS

Against: JRM

Patrons

CW wishes to produce 5,000 A5 leaflets serving as patron sign-up forms to hand out at conference and further future events. The cost will be 115 GBP.

JJ say this will be put to the finance committee.

Motion:

Council give permission for CW to design 5,000 leaflets at 115 GBP to advertise patrons and will submit the design to the Chairman for approval.

Proposer: CW Secunder: LH

Motion passes 10-2

For: OC, KW, SC, CW, LV, DM, DE, MM, TH, LH Against: JRM, WS

National Conference

JJ Proposes to discuss when we do YI Conference Wash-up.

DE has a photographer for YI at conference, who will attend and work for free, provided he gets free entry. JJ says we will work to get him a press pass.

Regional By-elections

Motion:

East Midlands Regional By-election to be held between August 30th and September 6th.

Proposer: JRM Secunder: MM

Motion passes 11-1-0

For: OC, JRM, MM, SC, LV, DM, DE, WS, KW, LH, TH Abstain: CW Against:

South East Chair

JJ wishes for the Council to adopt Charlie Leys as SE Chairman given the hostile nature of previous SE Regional Elections, Charlie's strong 2nd place performances in the last two elections and his record of strong work in the region.

Motion:

Adopt Charlie Leys as South East Chair

Proposer: LH Secunder: SC

Motion fails 1-1-9

For: LH Abstain: SC Against: OC, JRM, KW, CW, LV, WS, TH, MM, DE, DM

The council would like to note that this is not a vote against Charlie but a vote for a democratic selection.

JRM requests OC act as returning officer for the regional by-elections.

Motion:

Hold South East by-election to the same timetable as East Midlands by-election.

Proposer: JRM Secunder: TH

Motion passes 12-0

For: OC, JRM, KW, SC, CW, LV, DM, DE, MM, TH, LH, WS Against:

Motion:

Hold County Elections for vacant seats to the same timetable as Regional by-elections.

Proposer: KW Secunder: JRM

Motion passes 12-0

For: OC, JRM, KW, SC, CW, LV, DM, DE, MM, TH, LH, WS Against:

CW will serve as returning officer for County Elections¹

AOB

CW suggests affirming council neutrality in London Mayoral Race.

TH strongly advises against the council doing anything to get involved in the issue at all.

SC informed the council YI Women was continuing to work towards a proposal.

¹ CW later had to drop out due to other commitments, DE stepped in to fill the role.