

Young Independence Council Meeting 04/10/2015

Attendance: Joe Jenkins(JJ), Oliver Corbishley(OC), Charlie Leys (CL), Sarah Curtis(SC), Dan Evans(DE), Kieran Warren(KW), Chris Wood(CW), Lee Harris(LH), Warren Swan(WS), Darren Meacher(DM), Matthew Mackinnon(MM), Michael Barge (MB), Kirk Kus (KK)

Apologies: Calum Walker (CAW), Jamie Ross McKenzie (JRM)

JJ opens the meeting.

Chairman's Report

JJ wished to thank Jill Seymour MEP for her support at National Conference, hosting the YI Speech competition and showing strong support for YI.

Motion:

The Council expresses thanks to Jill Seymour MEP for all her work supporting YI and making the YI Speech competition, the 'Seymour Shield' Possible.

Proposer: OJ Seconder: CW

Motion passes 11-0-0

For: OC, DE, MB, CW, WS, KK, DM, KW, LH, TH, CL Abstain: Against:

JJ welcomed CL and KK to the council.

JJ hailed a successful Fringe event on the 2nd day of conference with Paul Staines of Guido Fawkes appearing.

JJ apologised for the planning of our conference meeting. To prevent issues with future meetings he proposed a fixed date for the future.

Motion:

The Council will have a fixed meeting date on the first Sunday of every month at 7 PM.

Proposer: DE Seconder: TH

Motion passes 12-0-0

For: OC, DE, MB, TH, LH, CL, DM, KW, SC, CW, WS, KK Abstain: Against:

JJ reminded the council of the West Midlands YI conference in November and encouraged the council to attend if possible.

MM joins the meeting.

JJ informed the Council that the YI Christmas party will be held in Castle Point, with further details coming in the week.

Secretary's Report

Welcomed CL and KK to the council.

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

Events

Christmas party will be coming up soon.

The YI Brussels trip has been moved to January.

MM reminded the council to keep him in the loop regarding any events they are planning so he can keep track of everything going on and provide support.

Patrons

CW reports we gained at least five new Patrons at conference and have lost one since the last council meeting. Welcome letters and badges will be sent to the new Patrons in the week.

CW has discovered some Patrons who were not recorded from the previous council and have not been followed up with. JJ has personally apologised to one of these.

UKIP Students

JJ thanked SC for the work she has done over Fresher's season.

SC is currently working through to see where we have members and how many we have managed to add so we can consolidate Fresher's gains.

Regions

JJ requests a report from the regions within one week so he can see what progress they have made since elections.

Faculty Rules

All council members have considered a proposal for Faculty rules put forward by JRM.

JJ makes it clear that irrespective of any rule set there will be zero tolerance for bullying in Faculty.

TH opposes the rule set, feels they are overly complex and could cause serious problems for the council in maintaining faculty, believes we need something simpler.

LH and CL both believe the rules set out are too long and too complicated.

KW believes the rule set is far too long and far too lenient, making it far too easy for members to break rules and cause problems without repercussions.

KK believes the rules are too long and the ability for discipline to be timed out is ridiculous.

WS says the rules are too complicated and over the top.

CW has nothing further to add.

SC agrees the rules are too complex.

MB believes ultimate power over Faculty has to lie with the council.

DE believes the rules are overly complex and that it is a ridiculous document. DE had amendments however they want not discussed as he did not submit them prior to the meeting.

OC says the rules are too complex and neuters the council's capacity to intervene in urgent situations.

Motion:

To implement the JRM ruleset.

Proposer: DE Secunder: OC

Motion fails 0-0-13

For: Abstain: Against: OC, DE, MB, SC, KW, CW, WS, KK, DM, MM, TH, LH, CL

JJ suggests that CW and KW should come up with a simple set of rules together and put them to the council.

By-elections

Treasurer By-election

Motion:

Treasurer By-election to be held between October 11th and October 18th.

Proposer: CL Secunder: CW

Motion passes 13-0-0

For: OC, DE, MB, SC, CW, WS, KK, DM, KW, MM, TH, LW, CL Abstain: Against:

London Regional By-election

Motion:

London Regional By-election to be held between October 11th and October 18th.

Proposer: CL Secunder: CW

Motion passes 13-0-0

For: OC, DE, MB, SC, CW, WS, KK, DM, KW, MM, TH, LW, CL Abstain: Against:

AOB

DE regularly gets asked for YI leaflets and says we could create a YI leaflet and make it available as a downloadable PDF on the website so branches can print them as they require. JJ would like referendum oriented leaflets.

KW brings up Jack Duffin's suggestions for moving YI elections to prevent disruption in the lead up to the EU referendum.

JJ says we should recognise receiving this recommendation but should hold off on further discussion or a vote until January to see if the referendum date becomes clearer.

CW queried the process for approval of minutes, OC clarified the process.