

Young Independence Council Meeting 10/01/2016

Attendance: Joe Jenkins(JJ), (OC), Jamie Ross McKenzie (JRM), Jack Smith (JS), Sarah Curtis(SC), Dan Evans(DE), Chris Wood(CW), Lee Harris(LH), Darren Meacher(DM), Matthew Mackinnon(MM), Calum Walker (CAW), Liam Vernon (LV),

Apologies: Alexander Balkan (AB), Kirk Kus (KK), Charlie Leys (CL)

JJ opens the meeting.

Vote to Remove Kieran Warren from the role of Media & Communications Officer

Proposer: JJ Secunder: TH

Motion Passes 12-0-1 (2/3rs majority of voting members)

For: LV, OC, DM, JRM, CW, CAW, MM, TH, JS, LH, SC, CL (in absentia) Against: DE

Chairman's Report

JJ wished to thank Diane James MEP and Jill Seymour MEP for their continued strong support of YI. He informed the council that a proposal was going forward from a NEC member to see YI permanently represented on the NEC.

Work is going on to build links with the Swedish Democrat Youth, we will be looking at sending activists back and forth between the two countries to build relations.

JJ reminded council members that while working with Leave.eu, Vote Leave and any other Referendum Leave groups is encouraged, this does not constitute YI officers work.

JJ is working to see each region hosting at least one 'Leave' event.

Treasurer's Report

JS informed the council that the accounts were in good order, we had seen a 10.13% increase in funds since November and he is working with former Treasurer Fraser Walker to ensure the YI end of year accounts are completed in good order and submitted ahead of the deadline.

Secretary's Report

OC informed the Council that he had heard from some County Chairmen that they had not received membership lists in many months. Regional Chairmen are reminded of their responsibility to distribute these lists and that they should be distributed to County Chairmen within one week of Regional Chairmen receiving them.

UKIP Students

SC says she is planning a UKIP Students table for Spring Conference.

There is a Youth Debate in Manchester on the 3rd February, Sarah is currently searching for a speaker for this event.

University and College databases are now complete, Schools database is still in the works.

Fresher's plans and budget are in the works.

Events

MM is planning a drinks reception for members before the Spring Conference.

YI National Conference is currently being planned for the end of June/early July with Cardiff looking a likely location. He is looking to have Assembly members give tours of the Assembly to groups of YI members as part of the Conference experience.

MM is speaking to MEP's about offering month long Summer internships as work experience to YI members.

Plans for a bus tour is being considered for the Devolved Assembly and Scottish Parliamentary elections, with weekend trips to each location.

Patrons

CW is planning leaflets to be distributed on seats at Spring conference in order to stimulate further interest in YI Patrons among the senior membership.

AOB

Llyr Powell will provide social media support for YI in the short term while options are considered for a sustainable long term approach to social media engagement.

The Council chose to further postpone discussion on moving YI elections for a month or two until we have a clearer understanding of when the referendum might be.