

Minutes, 15/05/16

In attendance: Jamie Ross McKenzie, Dan Evans, Jake Painter, Tom Seston, Jack Smith, Thomas Collins, Thomas Hoof, Oscar Gomez, Luigi Murton and Darren Meacher.

Apologies: Joe Jenkins, Liam Vernon, Llyr Powell, Warren Swan, Calum Walker, Robert Stephenson and Charlie Leys.

Jamie Ross McKenzie opens the meeting.

Treasurer's report

Jack Smith reports that we have spent a total £60 on the advertising budget of £250, which is also out of an overall agreed budget of £4,000.

Jack Smith stated he has still not received the Bank forms from Joe Jenkins which in turn need to be signed by Jack Smith himself and Jake Painter. This being important for security reasons. He and Jamie Ross McKenzie express their annoyance that this has taken over a month to get sorted.

Jack Smith also raised concerns on the Brussels trip (with Joe Jenkins and Llyr Powell) and how YI was going to pay for it, when it was dropped on the council at such short notice and was wondering if we should pay for it at all.

Thomas Hoof also shares the grievances of Jack Smith, but also said it was important for the youth wing to send a delegation to the European Parliament to keep our allies on side.

Jamie Ross McKenzie added that we can't really vote on it because the council has not been properly informed of what the trip fully entails.

Thomas Hoof was asked if he could attend but was unable to. He said it should be the younger cohort of the council going, who are the future of the youth wing. Considering also he said he'll be retiring from YI after this council has finished.

Thomas also looked at the costs of flights to Brussels and back, which amounted to £130 each.

Jack Smith proposes that the council votes on having the spending limit for these trips at £200, which will only be spent on hotels, travel and also require a report on what happened at the trip. Dan Evans seconds the motion.

For: Darren Meacher, Jack Smith, Jake Painter, Oscar Gomez, Thomas Collins, Tom Seston, Jamie Ross McKenzie and Dan Evans.

Abstain: None.

Against: Thomas Hoof.

For: (8)

Abstain: (0)

Against: (1)

The motion wins.

UKIP Students

Thomas Collins talks about his work with NUSceptics.

Jamie Ross McKenzie apologizes for not getting those student orientated leaflets sorted.

Thomas Collins said it was fine as Students for Britain had started producing their own ones.

Jamie Ross McKenzie wants to push forward proposal 1 out of 4 of his reforms to the council.

Which are as follows:

“I propose reviving the finance committee to approve expenditure expediently. A full council vote cannot be had to approve every little spend, and it has never been the case that a vote has been taken from all to approve. I propose the regional chairs select someone from their own number to bring that back to five members and to act as their rep. People may nominate themselves on this page.”

Thomas Collins was nominated as regional rep for the finance committee and Dan Evans seconded the proposal.

For: Darren Meacher, Jack Smith, Jake Painter, Oscar Gomez, Thomas Collins, Tom Seston, Thomas Hoof, Jamie Ross McKenzie and Dan Evans.

Abstain: None.

Against: None.

For: (9)

Abstain: (0)

Against: (0)

The motion wins.

Jamie Ross McKenzie's proposal 2 out of 4 is as follows:

"We should utilise people for what they are best at at this point in time. Therefore I propose that we keep Jake Painter and Jack Smith as de jure/official secretary and treasurer respectively for the sake of bank accounts and time, but that we make them de-facto/acting events officer and secretary respectively. Jake is a good organiser who has been successful at helping and organising at local and national events, and Jack is an efficient secretary. Jake has also made a lot of contacts at universities for Britain. I also propose appointing Edward Sumner as National Coordinator to assist Jake in organising the conference. Ed works with me, I trust him, he's well connected, and he can use time and contacts in our office to help get speakers. As this will be Jake and Eds main focus, they can get this done quickly. If we had another month I would suggest opening these roles to the membership but we don't have time."

Thomas Hoof suggests we have a vote on appointing individually Jake Painter, Jack Smith and Edward Sumner respectively. It is agreed upon and Thomas Hoof seconds the proposal.

Vote to appoint Jake Painter as acting events officer:

For: Darren Meacher, Jack Smith, Jake Painter, Oscar Gomez, Thomas Collins, Tom Seston, Thomas Hoof, Jamie Ross McKenzie and Dan Evans.

Abstain: None.

Against: None.

For: (9)

Abstain: (0)

Against: (0)

The motion wins.

Vote to appoint Jack Smith as acting secretary:

For: Darren Meacher, Jake Painter, Oscar Gomez, Thomas Collins, Tom Seston, Thomas Hoof, Jamie Ross McKenzie and Dan Evans.

Abstain: Jack Smith.

Against: None.

For: (8)

Abstain: (1)

Against: (0)

The motion wins.

Luigi Murton joins the meeting

Thomas Hoof suggests abolishing the role of national Coordinator altogether, as it is a none role and instead suggested to put Edward Sumner on a subcommittee. Jamie Ross McKenzie said that it is easier and neater to do it this way.

Vote to appoint Edward Sumner as National Coordinator:

For: Darren Meacher, Jake Painter, Oscar Gomez, Tom Seston, Thomas Hoof, Jamie Ross McKenzie, Luigi Murton and Dan Evans.

Abstain: Jack Smith and Thomas Collins.

Against: None.

For: (8)

Abstain: (2)

Against: (0)

The motion wins.

Luigi Murton leaves the meeting

Jamie Ross McKenzie's proposal 3 out of 4 is as follows:

"I propose we form a committee comprising of the Chairman, deputy, South-West chair, National Coordinator, Acting events officer/formal secretary, acting secretary/formal treasurer, finance rep and media manager.

ROLES:

Joe Jenkins and I Will play an supervisory role.

Joe, me, Jake, Jack and the finance rep Will approve expenditure

Jake and Ed Will do most of the donkey work

Dan Will advise in terms of it being his region, as well as his good organising skills. He Will also act as the rep for the regional chairs.

Liam Will observe so he can make graphics, etc.

All decisions Will be discussed with the whole council, and their opinions and objections Will be taken into account. But a vote of the whole council Will not be taken on every detail, as this will slow progress. It's important to keep the decision making tight.”

A caveat would be added that if the committee cannot agree then it will be put to a council vote.

Thomas Hoof suggested to split this proposal into two parts. Firstly to vote on the actual formation of the committee and secondly to vote on the delegative powers of the committee. Jamie Ross McKenzie proposes and Thomas Hoof seconds.

Vote on the formation of the committee itself:

For: Darren Meacher, Jack Smith, Jake Painter, Oscar Gomez, Thomas Collins, Tom Seston, Thomas Hoof, Jamie Ross McKenzie and Dan Evans.

Abstain: None.

Against: None.

For: (9)

Abstain: (0)

Against: (0)

The motion wins.

Vote on the delegative powers:

For: Darren Meacher, Jack Smith, Jake Painter, Oscar Gomez, Thomas Collins, Tom Seston, Thomas Hoof, Jamie Ross McKenzie and Dan Evans.

Abstain: None.

Against: None.

For: (9)

Abstain: (0)

Against: (0)

The motion wins.

Jamie Ross McKenzie’s proposal 4 out of 4 is as follows:

“I propose we consider the following options:

A) holding the conference the day before/after main party conference in the same town to save people money on travel.

B) holding the conference in autumn.

I worry there is not enough time, speakers Will be on holiday, and people Will be fatigued after the referendum.”

It is generally agreed not to have a vote on this, as it will be up to the events committee to decide the feasibility of this. Jamie Ross McKenzie does however ask the council would they approve of plan A. The consensus was that late July/early August was preferable.

Jamie Ross McKenzie also stated he needed more material for Young Belevaders. He did say however the venue for the Young Belevaders conference on the 28th of May was confirmed, along with 5 speakers. Stuart Agnew was proposed as another potential speaker for the conference, as he knows the ins and outs of the EU.

Jamie Ross McKenzie stated that two groups after the main conference will be sent to Dagenham and Wembley to leaflet, for what will become an action day.

Jamie Ross McKenzie also mentioned setting up online tickets, which he asked Liam to do but didn't. Dan Evans said he will ask Diane James if we could use her account. Thomas Collins also said to make sure to get press there. Jamie Ross McKenzie stated he will, along with Dan Jukes coming down to possibly live stream it.

Members of the council report on their activities with Vote Leave and the wider referendum campaign.

Jack Smith the YI promotional video went down rather well but wanted to split it into different snippets to release on a schedule.

Jack Smith also stated that the amount of content on YI's Facebook and Twitter page has gone down dramatically. Also about the general job Liam is doing as media manager.

Dan Evans suggested adding new editors to the Facebook page and giving Jamie Ross McKenzie access to the twitter page. Jack Smith proposes and Tom Seston seconds.

For: Darren Meacher, Jack Smith, Jake Painter, Oscar Gomez, Thomas Collins, Tom Seston, Thomas Hoof, Jamie Ross McKenzie and Dan Evans.

Abstain: None.

Against: None.

For: (9)

Abstain: (0)

Against: (0)

The motion wins.

AOB:

Jack Smith complained about minutes not being posted up, Jake Painter explained that he has emailed them to Liam but are yet to be updated. Jack Smith proposes removing Liam Vernon as Media manager but it is pointed out we don't meet quorum, as two thirds of the council are not in attendance. Jack Smith complains that quorum is preventing the council from getting anything done.

Jamie Ross McKenzie tells Jake Painter to minute the following:

- The council is unimpressed with the lack of social media content
- The minutes not being updated
- The bank forms not being sorted
- He also wants it noted that the council is generally dissatisfied with the performance of the chairman and media manager

Thomas Collins said we should possibly do something for the upcoming Tooting parliamentary by-election. Thomas Hoof and Jamie Ross McKenzie said not to bother, as we'll be lucky to keep our deposit.

Meeting ends.