

JCR Meeting, Sunday 2nd Week

Chair: Seb Baird (JCR President)

Secretary: Jim Everett (JCR Vice President)

Meeting Start 7.30.

Summary of Actions

Resolves:

- To have an anonymous survey of those who would drop out of an increased charity levy
- To mandate the President to write an open letter about the JCR's unhappiness with how the Sports Ground issue has been handled, and put in the JCR for signatures.
- To mandate the President to investigate a hard court sports ground, either through building or sharing
- To grant the pub quiz an extra £20 per week to buy wine for prizes
- To support 'The Owl' by making an annual payment of £150, and receiving 50 copies per term
- To pass this terms revenue from Arts budget to Charities budget (though this will be a one off, and in no way a precedent)
- Approved Budget
- Set up a Bop Costume recycling system
- To mandate Donal to investigate getting sandwiches, as long as we do not buy from a company with a policy to give them free to the homeless (thus taking food from the homeless)

Pre-JCR Meeting for Committee Members.

Seminar Room, 7pm.

Everyone present. Meeting start at 7.05.

- Seb starts asking for questions on Motions.
- Seb explains Sports Ground closure. It was first closed due to health and safety (bridge, problem with ambulance getting there. The cost is also an issue. Seb points out that we should be equal partner with Univ. This is not ideal, but the justification is good.
- Jim and Seb explain issue with second formal hall. Colin Holmes planned it. We chat about possibilities (smaller formal hall etc). Ed Brown suggests we do this in actual JCR meeting
- James Pontifex talks about problem with Charity Levy. Last term voted to raise Levy. Bursar hasn't done this, because of tax status. MCR also pay JCR levies, asked why we hadn't consulted them. James responds they are welcome to meetings and can opt out
- Then talk about Art budget. Says that it is often Loans, so that when we give it out, we often get it back, sometimes with interest. Suggests we could do Levies of £20 overall. David Lloyd asks if it sets a

precedent? He clarifies by asking if there has been a precedent where one department has less money and getting it from another. James says he has a meeting with Bursar

- Donal O'Hara has bought a TV, but the signal is bad, so we need a new aerial.
- Asks why motion for water cooler isn't there? (*Ed: Sorry, I missed it!*)
- Rhys Parfitt explains the Corpus Challenge is going "OK, I suppose", but says he will need a loan for t-shirts, and will put in a motion perhaps next meeting. Says there is more people coming than ever before, which is great. Questions if people will pay full price or if will be discounted – suggested we put in a new motion next meeting. Dean says we can go back whenever we want (estimated 4am)
- Colin says first bop went OK, but need a new microphone to end it better. Ed Brown suggests there is one about, and asks Colin to speak to him.

JCR Meeting

About 40 people.

Meeting start 7.30.

- Jim asks about Pizza and which toppings people would like. General response is Jim should choose.
- Alix Harmer talks about the Corpus Ball. Says we will have a big JCR tea with cake to sell more tickets. Encourages more people to invite out of college.
- Ben Fell reads his poem, after an official introduction by Seb. He reads a wonderful "gansta rap" extolling the virtues of masculinity, despite being a self confessed English Middle Class Oxford Student. Generally received well by people, as Ben's poems usually do.
- Jeremy asks for his motions to go first.

Motion One: Charity Levies.

This JCR Notes:

- *JCR voted to increase charity levy to £10.00*
- *Bursary have refused to (RAG officer can summarise situation, but possible lack of direct JCR support was issue)*

This JCR Believes:

- *It would be better to have a £10.00 charity levy*

This JCR Resolves:

- *To have an anonymous survey of those who would drop out*

Proposed: Jeremy Lloyd

Seconded: Emma Fouracre-Reid

- Jeremy explains quite complicated.
- The JCR voted to increase Levy, but it hasn't been increased on battles.

- Emma FR went to enquire. Emma explained; they questioned our democracy and we need more than a mandate.
- One main problem that charity laws are changing, which would put us in different charity bracket, causing problems.
- Things through battels count as them paying us (strangely).
- We need to show that we really support. Perhaps an anonymous survey (asking people to put a note in her pidge if they would like to drop out). Or Jeremy suggests an online poll.
- No questions, debate or oppositions.
- Motion passed.

Motion Two: Sports Ground

This JCR Notes:

The sports ground is being decommissioned.

This JCR Believes:

Some sort of report of the committee's findings would have been nice.

There is a perfectly acceptable ambulance access route via the level crossing.

The Corpus ground floods significantly less than other colleges' grounds.

University's facilities will presumably not be free to use (long term cost will outweigh short term savings).

There was little to no student consultation on the matter.

A sale of the site maybe a long-term aim.

Pembroke would provide a more obvious partner for a groundshare.

The fact that Corpus owns its sports ground is of considerable appeal to prospective students and is alluded to on both the college and the university website.

Mike has been a loyal servant of the college for many (clarify) years and if this does go ahead he should get a present.

This JCR Resolves:

To mandate the President to write an open letter, to be put up in the JCR for students to sign in support, protesting about the planned loss of a Corpus sports ground and the manner in which it has been presented to the JCR

Proposed: James Pontifex (Tennis/Cricket Captain)

Seconded: Jeremy Lloyd (Football Captain)

- Laura questions if Univ really don't have tennis grounds. We usually have hard courts, and it would a real shame to lose that. Suggests we include that as one of arguments for keeping the grounds.
- James Pontifex points out Bursar will be at JCR tomorrow for any questions

- Jeremy points out that Mike (groundsman) have given him 3 months to lose his job and home, and only £4000 in redundancy (which is the little amount possible)
- Gareth questions why no consultation, and Laura explains this was because it involved Mike being redundant and so the college didn't want him hearing on grapevine.
- Jeremy points Hertford College are facing a similar situation with their chapel, but they are consulting with JCR, unlike us.
- Katie Bayliss asks about the differences. Jeremy and James points out that ours are probably better. Tennis courts come up again.
- Rory points out about Corpus Challenge; could we have it there. Is it certain? E.g. anything that was on the tennis grounds will have to be gone.
- They want to make Corpus teams joint with Univ teams, which would not be the same. Plan on us join with Univ, but are twisting our arm for it.
- Their groundsman is not very happy. We potentially have 4 or 5 a week, as we get choice about how to rest pitches. If Univ has the same, the pitches will be so overused they will be useless.
- Emma Lucy Pinchbeck questions the long term plan. James Pontifex explains. Pembroke has the same problem as us, if not worse. Corpus long term solution would be to do with Pembroke.
- James points out the problem is health and safety. Jeremy points out that ambulances CAN go across, but they are not really willing. People point out surely they would if it was serious!
- James suggests that in an emergency we have the level crossing, and there is an air ambulance.
- Jeremy points out they will not go back on the decisions, but it has been done very unfairly and not consulted JCR.
- Rhys points out they have said that whatever the JCR says, there is nothing they will do.
- James questions what they will actually do with it. Rhys suggests that James is 12 years old, and that Rhys was at the meeting so he knows a bit more.
- Ed Brown begins to chair, so that Seb can argue (he knows more about it).
- Rhys says they have said if there is enough opposition, they will help us with what we are losing from this. Says he is sure with enough weight behind is, but if we mention tennis courts they may try and subsidise it.
- Seb argues the point of letter to stop this happening in future; they will not reverse decision.
- Rhys suggests maybe we should use this chance to get as much from them as possible. Something is better than nothing.
- Ed McGovern suggests maybe free subscriptions to gym, but there is general laughter. He does appear to be rather serious... Seb says that he can put it in the letter if everyone wants, but people don't appear to think it feasible.
- Emma Lucy says we need a hard court for netball in addition to Tennis.
- Donal says we do really want to put we plan on 'getting something' in the letter.
- Jeremy thinks we should just leave the letter about how they have acted badly.
- Jahan questions what more we can do than a letter? Laura suggests we go on strike.
- Jeremy proposes amendment to mandate Seb to investigate a proper court share. Either build or negotiate share (perhaps with New college?)
- Amendment accepted as friendly
- Rhys suggests we write another letter to ask why we have such a small (comparatively) clubs and socs budget.
- Gareth asks if we will have decreased flexibility. Jeremy replies that of course we will.
- All in favour of Seb writing letters.
- *New amendment: This JCR resolves to mandate Seb to investigate court access, either by building or sharing.*

New Motions reads:

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To mandate the President to write an open letter, to be put up in the JCR for students to sign in support, protesting about the planned loss of a Corpus sports ground and the manner in which it has been presented to the JCR

To mandate the President to investigate hard court access, either by building new ones, or sharing.

Motion Three: Pub Quiz

This JCR Notes:

- *The Tuesday Pub Quiz has become important part of Corpus Community*
- *The College has withdrawn its support for the quiz, and is no longer allowing us the four bottles of wine per week it provided as prizes*

This JCR Believes:

- *The Pub Quiz should be able to continue without having to charge extortionate entrance fees*

This JCR Resolves:

- *To grant the pub quiz an extra £20 per week, to help buy the four bottles of wine from Corpus, which cost £22*

Proposed: Misha Kaletsky

Seconded: Ben Coopman

Collette asks how many people usually attend. Reply that usually about 30 people.

Misha Kaplesky says college has withdrawn funding because the bar has not been making enough money.

Nicole asks if they would do two bottles wine; Misha says they will give no wine.

Misha says the prize last term £25, thinking cutting to £20.

James questions if we could buy wine from Oddbins? Misha says that yes, we could. Misha says that if JCR wants it, we can get Oddbins.

Donal says we can get it cheaper, and better from Oddbins.

Charlotte says perhaps we buy in bulk, it is cheaper?

Donal questions with the pub quiz and formal hall. Laura suggests we could do Tuesday, but have Formal as well as Pub Quiz and getting more.

Colin suggests we raise price to £2. Donal points out £1 is the classic pub price. Gareth points out that £2 could be undercut.

Friendly amendment: to take out buy wine *from Corpus*

No opposition. Motion passed.

New Motion Reads:

This JCR Resolves:

To grant the Pub Quiz an extra £20 per week to buy four bottles of wine

Motion Four: 'The Owl' Funding

This JCR Notes:

- *'The Owl' is the only independent university wide, termly publication dedicated to publishing stimulating and accessible non fiction student written articles on a variety of subjects*
- *JCR Members work for and write for 'The Owl'. Tim Newey, for example, is Arts Editor and Reema Mehta, who left last year, was co-editor.*
- *'The Owl' needs the support of the JCR in order to continue to be able to provide free copies of the publication to JCR members*
- *'The Owl' is under a large amount of financial pressure and so is in especial need of support of the JCR in order to be able to continue to publish*

This JCR Believes:

- *Providing JCR members with interesting, high quality student writing on a wide range of issues is a valuable allocation of resources*
- *The JCR should attempt to support worthwhile student activities, such as a university wide journal like 'The Owl', wherever possible, especially when there is substantial Corpus involvement*

This JCR Resolves:

- *Support 'The Owl' by allocating them a one-off donation of 450 pounds, in order to provide a much-needed financial boost to the publication and receive the maximum yearly subscription allocation of 100 copies per term for members of the JCR.*

Proposed: Tim Newey

Seconded: Donal O'Hara

- Colette asks what the amount of money would allow to do. Tim Newey said he simply copied a motion from 2008. James said £450 would be appropriate, with the arts budget.
- David Giles questions who is actually in it from Corpus. Tim is at the moment, maybe Laura, Emma Lucy used to be, Matt Ryder may be. Tim welcomes more Corpus people.
- Tim says we currently buy 100 copies.
- James argues that if we had in 2008, it is not a "one off".
- Tim suggests maybe we make it a yearly thing, with less than £400
- Gareth asks what other JCRs are doing. Tim says St Peters gave £250 a year, Magdalen gives something, but Tim doesn't know how much.
- Ed Brown asks if they have looked into advertising, and Tim says they are looking into it.
- Laura clarifies this is coming out of arts budget; it is.
- Emma Lucy points out that advertising is difficult because it is independent and different.
- Iona questions if this is distributed to every JCR, and Emma Lucy thinks it is.
- David Lloyd questions the perpetual source of income; Tim says again, advertisements.
- Tim says that this is purely a gift; they do distribute it for free.
- James asks if they would accept £100 as an annual thing? Tim tries to barter with £200.
- Gareth suggests we only get 50 copies, not 100.
- *Amendment: remove one off of 450, replace with 150 annual payment. We will have 50 copies a term, instead of 100.*
- No opposition, motion passed.

New motion reads:

This JCR Resolves:

- Support 'The Owl' by allocating them an annual donation of £150
- To accept 50 copies from OWL per term.

Motion Five: Charity Levy 2

This JCR Notes:

- We have £6,000 standing Arts budget (it mainly gets spent on loans)

This JCR Believes:

- There will be no urgent demand for Arts expenditure this term or next exceeding this figure (in any case loans could come from General Account)

This JCR Resolves:

- To pass all revenue from this terms Arts levy to the Charities budget (this will make up for the bursary's refusal to up the levy as approved last term)

Proposed: James Pontifex

Seconded: Emma Fouracre-Reid

- David Giles asks if we can just take money from the Arts?
- Seb points out that we have paid for an arts levy, not a Charity levy.
- Seb does then suggest that it is not in the constitution we cannot change; it is our levy, and so we can change it.
- Katie Bayliss says we cannot change after we have paid for it.
- Nicole Taylor; can we take money from this term, but we take money that was already in the account; then it is not this terms Levy, but money what we already have.
- Rory questions if we could do arts charities? General consensus of no, particular from Emma FR
- Laura asks if the students newspapers are registered charities? People do not know.
- Lisa Blundell says that if people have a problem, they would come to JCR meeting to change.
- Emma FR says the money is ours, and we can do what we want. Ed Bradon confirms this.
- James cannot look at individual details of who has paid; he just receives an amount of money from Bursary.
- Katie Bayliss asks if we are settling a dangerous precedent for shuffling money around?
- Gareth: proposes amendment that this is only one off, but not a precedent. This term and this term only.
- Iona asks if we are in urgent need for it? Emma FR says we are trying to support a link system with long term links with a charity, and Emma wants this started so this done before she has finished. So Emma FR says we are on a time budget. Shows the bursary that JCR are in support of more charities.
- David Lloyd asks what will happen next term. James says they are trying to sort it out.
- Emma FR says they won't do it this term, but could reverse (charity law won't come in for 18 months). It seems main problem is that lack of possible JCR support.
- Laura says about dangerous precedent; it means we have more flexibility.
- Katie asks if it is not risky to start a charity link, and then not have the money for it? Then we'll have a shortfall every term.
- David Lloyd asks if we can postpone to next term? When we have firm answer from Bursary?
- Jahan doesn't like postponing. Says there has been major disaster (Haiti!).
- Overwhelming vote in favour.

New Motion reads:

This JCR Resolves:

- *To pass all revenue from this terms Arts levy to the Charities budget*
- *This will be a one-off, for this term only, and will in no way be a precedent.*

Motion Six: Approve Budget

- Question is table football is ours? People do not know.
- Merlin asks about coffee machine. James said they owe us a lot of money.
- *Amendment: Coffee station is not there.*
- Ed McGovern talks about TV. Donal says it will work; we need aerial etc.
- Motion passed.

Budget now reads:

Income

College Grant 3274

Heddleworth Amusements 160

Arts Levy 1500

Charities Levy 1500

Coke Machine 200

Total £ 6634

Expenditure

Newspapers, both student and national -1000

Entz -200Welfare -200

Women's Tea -120

Men's Tea -120

Admin/Committee -50

TV Licenses -212

Arts/Clubs/Societies payouts -1500

Charities payouts -1500

JCR tea/food (inc. JCR meetings) -200

Insurance -500

TV -500

Total - £6602

Net income over expenditure - £32

Old balance: £ 19.625.00

New balance: £19,593.00

Private account

Expenditure

Charities -200

Arts motions -200

Total -400

Motion Seven: OUSU

This JCR Notes:

- *OUSU is always in debt*
- *OUSU wants to restructure their funding model so that their money comes from the University rather than CR affiliation fees*

This JCR Believes:

- *That putting OUSU in the black is a good thing*
- *That affiliation fees are a bad thing*

This JCR Resolves:

- *To mandate the representative to OUSU to vote in favour of the funding model in 3rd Week*

Proposed: Seb Baird

Seconded: Ed Brown

- Ed Brown chairs so Seb can argue.
- Iona asks how much money OUSU gets from University now (Seb doesn't know) but they plan to have it almost double.
- David Giles talks about rent and how they pay. People seem confused, but uninterested.
- Motion passed, no debate

Motion Eight: Bop Costumes

This JCR Notes:

- *After bops, many peoples carefully prepared costumes go straight in the bin.*
- *Buying costumes can be expensive, and making costumes time intensive*

This JCR Believes:

- *If we had a system of recycling bop costumes, we could all save time and money, as well as reducing our waste*

This JCR Resolves:

- *To set up a "JCR costume cupboard" working along these lines:*
- *At a set time after a bop, people can hand in their used/unwanted costumes.*
- *At a set time before a bop, the collection of costumes would be laid out in the JCR for people to browse.*
- *There would be a suggested donation of £1 (or an appropriate amount) for each item taken. This money then goes to charities as decided by the RAG rep.*
- *This would be jointly run by E&E and Entz reps.*

Proposed: Alastair Marsh

Seconded: Kamillah Ismail

- Charlotte Bunting asks where we can put them.
- Alastair says he will talk to Bursar. There is room in the office.
- Niko asks how bop theme is decided? Colin says sometimes votes, sometimes by committee.
- Emma Lucy says that we could use Owlets.

- There is a problem with the costumes smelling after being used. Millie says she means more like useless props, like wigs etc.
- Amendment: *not be chosen by RAG officer, but put it into budget.* (Emma FR)
- Amendment: *at a set time after, not straight after* (Colin)
- No opposition, debate.

Motion now reads:

This JCR Resolves:

- *To set up a "JCR costume cupboard" working along these lines:*
- *At some point after a bop (though not straight after), people can hand in their used/unwanted costumes.*
- *At a set time before a bop, the collection of costumes would be laid out in the JCR for people to browse.*
- *There would be a suggested donation of £1 (or an appropriate amount) for each item taken. This money then goes to charities budget.*
- *This would be jointly run by E&E and Entz reps*

Motion Nine: Sandwiches

This JCR Notes:

- *Sandwiches are nice for lunch, if they were advertised people would buy them more, if they were Pret they would be nicer still and if people knew they could get them for £1.91 they wouldn't have to get ripped off at Nero's/Starbucks/Olives/Pret/generic sandwich shop*

This JCR Believes:

- *Pret only sell freshly made sandwiches and have leftover stock at the end of the day they are unable to sell*
- *Even though the manciple is good friends with the Pret Cornmarket Branch, they may be unwilling to undercut themselves by setting up a supply for the Buttery.*

This JCR Resolves:

- *To mandate the Leprechaun to go and negotiate a fair price for a fixed quantity of sandwiches (suggests 15 per day or 40 once a week for women and men's teas and following week/until they go rough) £1.00 per sandwich would make sense (£2.00 max which could be subsidised 20p by JCR)*

Proposed: Donal O'Hara

Seconded: James Pontifex

- Skyler confirms we want leftover? Yes we do.
- She says she thinks that Pret a manger give the food to the homeless?
- Lisa B asks if we can't we get kitchen to make it for us?
- Nicole: Would this be out of welfare budget? No.
- Katie Bayliss says she had college make sandwiches for £1.75 before, and they were nice.
- Emma Lucy says they do sandwiches in the summer?
- Loud noise. Seb tells everyone to shut up
- Katie Bayliss wants amendment to talk to the kitchen?
- But James said they threw them out more so wouldn't. Suggests prêt would be better, and more likely to buy. Suggests that we should try.
- Ben Coopman says they need to publicise sandwiches more as this may be why they didn't sell as well before
- Emma Lucy says they used to, but it was too time consuming. General disbelief.

- Gareth says if we do it, can they put at breakfast? General agreement.
- Gareth will kill Donal if he doesn't talk to the kitchen about this.
- Emma FR proposes amendment: *if a company policy is to give to homeless, we do not offer to buy and undercut homeless.*
- David Lloyd says that Pret do give for free. (he volunteers)
- Amendment is friendly.
- Overwhelming: motion passed.

Motion now reads:

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- *We will only do this if a company policy is not to give the food to the homeless (so we do not take food from homeless)*

Motion Ten: Formal Hall

This JCR Notes:

- *There is currently no cafeteria dinner on Friday or Saturday evenings, whereas other colleges provide meals every evening;*
- *The new formal hall on Tuesday means there will now be no cafeteria dinner on this day, thereby reducing the number of evenings upon which cafeteria dinner is provided to just 4 out of 7;*
- *Even if one gets in to the formal on Tuesday, the cost will be more than £6 - more than twice that of a cafeteria dinner;*
- *In the past when the Friday formal hall has been oversubscribed, the excess numbers have not approached 100% of the capacity,*

This JCR Believes:

- *It is unacceptable that there should be no cafeteria dinner provided on a Tuesday evening since provision of the aforementioned is of vital importance for those without access to kitchens and those with approaching exams;*
- *That more people would prefer a cafeteria dinner on Tuesday, rather than a formal hall.*

This JCR Resolves:

- *To reintroduce the cafeteria dinner on Tuesday evenings, either by time division multiplexing a cafeteria dinner and the new formal, by having a smaller formal hall concurrent with the cafeteria dinner, or by abolishing the new formal altogether.*

Proposed: Merlin Cooper

Seconded: Katie Bayliss

- Gareth asks how this came about.
- Jim/Donal/Seb explain that we asked for an investigation, but the SCR arranged it.
- Mek asks if there could be an informal hall in conjunction. Jim replies that his impression is that no.
- James points out that Formal would stop before exams.
- Gareth suggests sandwiches before Formal? Laughter. Seems to not be agreed.

- Nicole points out that if we veto now, they will not let us again. If we try, then it can fail.
- Katie says the problem is not formal, but lack of informal.
- David suggests just get a sandwiches.
- James questions if even if we ban formal, we may not get informal?
- Seb clarifies we may not be able to get both; it seems a case of one or the other.
- Merlin gives the example of choir; half formal, half informal.
- Max suggests that if it is trial basis, we might as well try it.
- Donal says that Colin has taken this into a life of its own. Points out we would like to axe in Trinity anyway.
- Katie suggests formal every other week? Laura says this is very confusing.
- James points out we cannot do anything. We can only ask Donal.
- Merlin changes language: *To get Donal to talk to him.*
- Gareth says we should try and cook on Tuesday instead. Gareth suggests to ban people from new building using the cafeteria, which is very confusing.
- Colette points out that everyone cannot cook in new building on Tuesday! It's impossible.
- Grace points out if we don't have a kitchen, we have no materials for cooking.
- Millie points out that having half formal would be bad, because it wouldn't be formal. It would spoil the atmosphere.
- James points out it's more staffing issue than space in college.
- Rhys points out (as Jim does) that we can only ask; we have no power.
- Merlin has tidied up language, but no amendment.
- Donal suggests we just give it a go; there is not much we can do now.
- Move to vote (Seb reads motion again)

Motion now reads:

This JCR Resolves:

- *To mandate Donal to ask to reintroduce the cafeteria dinner on Tuesday evenings, either by time division multiplexing a cafeteria dinner and the new formal, by having a smaller formal hall concurrent with the cafeteria dinner, or by abolishing the new formal altogether.*

Motion defeated, 23 votes to 18.

Meeting ends at 9.10