

CORPUS JCR



MEETING AGENDA

Fourth Week, Hilary Term 2024

Sunday Ninth February, 7:30 PM

President & Chair: Michael Leslie

Vice-President & Secretary: Angelina Hong

Returning Officer & Constitutional Oracle: Jacob Harvey

1. Report from the President

Michael: Welcome everyone to this meeting. This week, I had welfare lunch with Fionn. There was a discussion on the changes we are doing to our own welfare. Katie Rudaz is looking at bringing her dog for some welfare walks. She was also talking about maybe setting up a Welfare Instagram for Corpus. If anyone has any thoughts on whether that would be a useful thing, please do let me know. I went to Governing Body; not much to do with us was discussed there. I had a meeting with the Vice-President, Rachel, and Dave, who is the Senior Tutor about our welfare changes. The first motion is all about the welfare changes. I would highly recommend that people listen to them. The stuff that we are proposing here is the result of a very long conversation that has been going on between Exec and College about how welfare in College should be run. This motion and the changes are what we believe to be the best compromise between what we want and what College wants.

Ben: It's also your birthday today.

[Silence]

2. Questions to Officers

3. Reading from the Poet Laureate

Cathy: I wrote two poems again.

The Girl I knew not Long Ago

A poem for Valentine's.

I met a girl not long ago,
And we danced the jig and twirl,
She spun my world off axis,
And she took me for a whirl.

I met a girl not long ago,
Whose smile was like the light,
Whose laughter was a rainbow,

Though her words were rather trite.

I met a girl not long ago,
And we whistled beneath the moon,
And we skipped along together,
Her embrace was a cocoon.

I met a girl not long ago,
Whose eyes were filled with joy,
Her poise was resplendent,
And my heart conceived no ploy.

I met a girl not long ago,
She was rare as any pearl,
But when I asked to marry her,
She left me for an Earl!

The Giant who Loved Too Much

A goofy limerick for Valentine's.

There was a giant who loved too much,
And everybody he had to touch,
When Saint Valentine came,
The giant called out his name,
And reached out his hand to clutch.

4. Ratifications from Previous Meetings

5. Constitutional Amendments

AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION, MANDATES DOCUMENT, AND STANDING ORDERS IN RESPECT OF COMMUNITY OFFICERS

This JCR notes that—

- ❖ There are three Welfare Officers on the JCR Committee, who are the Welfare Officer (Equalities), Welfare Officer (Men's), and Welfare Officer (Women's);
- ❖ Though the most visible activity of the Welfare Officers is Welfare Tea, the Welfare Officer all have a variety of Standing Orders, such as ones relating to the signposting of support and liaison with Collegiate welfare;
- ❖ However, the role of the Welfare Officers does not emphasise, under the Standing Orders, the direct provision of welfare;
- ❖ Rather, it is the Peer Supporters and the resources of College, the Student Union (when affiliated), and the University which are intended to be the direct providers of services relating to welfare;
- ❖ For this reason, the College Welfare Committee has requested that the Welfare Officers be renamed, so as to clarify the responsibilities of the roles, with the necessary amendments to the Constitution and to the relevant annexes thereof.

This JCR believes that—

- ❖ It is appropriate for the names of roles to reflect the actual responsibilities of the roles;
- ❖ Furthermore, there are numerous outdated parts of the Standing Orders, such as reference to the nonexistent Access and Admissions Officer, which can be amended as part of this alteration;
- ❖ The name of “Community Officer” is a more accurate descriptor for the role of the current Welfare Officers, because a lot of the tasks of the Welfare Officers are related to engagement in the Corpuscular community;
- ❖ Therefore, it is warranted to amend the Constitution, the Standing Orders, and the Mandates Document to reflect this renaming and to correct minor errors.

This JCR resolves to—

- ❖ Amend Section 18, Clause II(n) of the Constitution so as to become the following: “Community Officer (Equalities);”;
- ❖ Amend Section 18, Clause II(o) of the Constitution so as to become the following: “Community Officer (Men’s);”;
- ❖ Amend Section 18, Clause II(p) of the Constitution so as to become the following: “Community Officer (Women’s);”;
- ❖ Amend Section 19, Clause I(n) of the Constitution so as to become the following: “Community Officer (Equalities);”;
- ❖ Amend Section 19, Clause I(o) of the Constitution so as to become the following: “Community Officer (Men’s);”;
- ❖ Amend Section 19, Clause I(p) of the Constitution so as to become the following: “Community Officer (Women’s);”;
- ❖ Amend Section 20, Clause II(d) of the Constitution so as to become the following: “Community Officer (Equalities);”;
- ❖ Amend Section 20, Clause II(e) of the Constitution so as to become the following: “Community Officer (Men’s);”;
- ❖ Amend Section 20, Clause II(f) of the Constitution so as to become the following: “Community Officer (Women’s);”;
- ❖ Amend Section 20, Clause VI of the Constitution so as to become the following: “The Community Officer (Equalities) shall be directly responsible for the oversight and management of:”;
- ❖ Amend Section 22, Clause I of the Constitution so as to become the following: “The Equalities Committee shall be Chaired by the Community Officer (Equalities) and shall meet informally at least twice per term.”;
- ❖ Amend Section 22, Clause II(b) of the Constitution so as to become the following: “Community Officer (Equalities);”;
- ❖ Amend Section 22, Clause II(c) of the Constitution so as to become the following: “Community Officer (Men’s);”;
- ❖ Amend Section 22, Clause II(d) of the Constitution so as to become the following: “Community Officer (Women’s);”;
- ❖ Amend Section 22, Clause IV of the Constitution so as to become the following: “The responsibilities of an unfilled role on the Equalities Committee shall be undertaken by the most appropriate Representative on the Committee or by the Community Officer (Equalities).”;
- ❖ Amend Section 24, Clause II of the Constitution so as to become the following: “The Freshers’ Week Committee shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Access and Class Officer, Clubs and Societies Officer, Entz Officer (External), Entz Officer (Internal), Entz President, International Students Officer, Community Officer (Equalities), Community Officer (Men’s), Community Officer (Women’s), and any other Officers invited by the above committee.”;
- ❖ Amend Section 28, Clause I(g) of the Constitution so as to become the following: “Community Officer (Women’s); and”;

- ❖ Amend Section 28, Clause II(c) of the Constitution so as to become the following:
“Community Officer (Men’s);”;
- ❖ Amend Section 28, Clause III(e) of the Constitution so as to become the following:
“Community Officer (Equalities);”;
- ❖ Amend Section 28, Clause V of the Constitution so as to become the following:
“The Representatives on the Equalities Committee shall be elected posts. There shall be no additional requirements to vote in the election of those Representatives beyond the requirements that exist to vote in the election of any other Officer or Representative. If no candidate is elected, then the Community Officer (Equalities) shall fulfil the duties of the position by default.”;
- ❖ Amend Section 30, Clause I of the Constitution so as to become the following:
“Members who do not identify as women may stand for the post of Community Officer (Men’s) and Members who do not identify as men may stand for the post of Community Officer (Women’s). All Members of the JCR may vote in elections for both posts.”;
- ❖ Amend Section 32, Clause I(a) of the Constitution so as to become the following:
“All candidates for the positions of President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Domestic Officer, Community Officer (Equalities), Community Officer (Men’s), and Community Officer (Women’s) are required to produce a short, one-page manifesto that will be circulated by the Returning Officer to the JCR and MCR before hustings, and all other candidates may do so at discretion; and”;
- ❖ Amend the Mandates Document so as to replace the heading of “Welfare Officer (Equalities)” with the heading of “Community Officer (Equalities)”;
- ❖ Amend the Mandates Document so as to replace the heading of “Welfare Officer (Men’s)” with the heading of “Community Officer (Men’s)”;
- ❖ Amend the Mandates Document so as to replace the heading of “Welfare Officer (Women’s)” with the heading of “Community Officer (Women’s)”;
- ❖ Amend the Standing Orders so as to replace the heading of “Welfare Officer (Equalities)” with the heading of “Community Officer (Equalities)”;
- ❖ Amend the Standing Orders so as to replace the heading of “Welfare Officer (Men’s)” with the heading of “Community Officer (Men’s)”;
- ❖ Amend the Standing Orders so as to replace the heading of “Welfare Officer (Women’s)” with the heading of “Community Officer (Women’s)”;
- ❖ Amend the Standing Orders so as to replace Standing Order 8 of the President with the following text: “To act as a Community Officer for junior members”;
- ❖ Amend the Standing Orders so as to replace Standing Order 33 of the Access and Class Officer with the following text: “To fulfil the Standing Orders of an unfilled BME Representative, Disabilities Representative, Faith Representative, or LGBTQ+ Representative, if appointed to do so by the Community Officer (Equalities)”;
- ❖ Amend the Standing Orders so as to replace Standing Order 10 of the BME Representative with the following text: “To fulfil the Standing Orders of an unfilled Disabilities Representative, Faith Representative, or LGBTQ+ Representative, if appointed to do so by the Community Officer (Equalities)”;
- ❖ Amend the Standing Orders so as to replace Standing Order 9 of the Disabilities Representative with the following text: “To fulfil the Standing Orders of an unfilled BME Representative, Faith Representative, or LGBTQ+ Representative, if appointed to do so by the Community Officer (Equalities)”;
- ❖ Amend the Standing Orders so as to replace Standing Order 7 of the Faith Representative with the following text: “To fulfil the Standing Orders of an unfilled BME Representative, Disabilities Representative, or LGBTQ+ Representative, if appointed to do so by the Community Officer (Equalities)”;
- ❖ Amend the Standing Orders so as to replace Standing Order 10 of the LGBTQ+ Representative with the following text: “To fulfil the Standing Orders of an unfilled

BME Representative, Disabilities Representative, or Faith Representative, if appointed to do so by the Community Officer (Equalities)”;

- ❖ Amend the Standing Orders so as to replace all the Standing Orders of the Welfare Officer (Equalities) with the following Standing Orders:
 - ❖ “Elected: Trinity
 - ❖ Committees: JCR Committee, College Welfare Committee, Equalities Committee (Chair)
 - ❖ 1. To represent JCR interests on the above committees
 - ❖ 2. To attend all committees unless apologies are sent prior to the committee meeting
 - ❖ 3. To support students regarding welfare issues, and work to encourage respect and a regard for each other’s wellbeing amongst the College community, working with senior members on specific events where appropriate
 - ❖ 4. To signpost welfare services within College, in the University, and more broadly
 - ❖ 5. To publicise welfare-related information from College
 - ❖ 6. To liaise with Oxford SU (when affiliated) in connection with its welfare services
 - ❖ 7. To liaise with all other JCR Officers who have a student wellbeing capacity, convening a meeting at least once a term, so as to coordinate activities and better serve undergraduate members
 - ❖ 8. To promote the College’s counsellor in collaboration with the University Counselling Services
 - ❖ 9. To optionally attend counselling with the College’s counsellor each term in direct relation to the role of Community Officer
 - ❖ 10. To provide, in cooperation with Oxford Sexual Health Service, free condoms for JCR members
 - ❖ 11. To ensure that there are condoms available in the wellbeing pidge at all times
 - ❖ 12. To attend SU workshops (when affiliated) which pertain to the role of Community Officer
 - ❖ 13. To run Welfare Tea each weekend of term and ensure that every JCR member is welcome at Welfare Tea
 - ❖ 14. To represent JCR wellbeing at College Welfare Lunch once a term
 - ❖ 15. To organise non-clubbing events during Freshers’ week in connection with the JCR President
 - ❖ 16. To liaise with members of the MCR and SCR as appropriate when wellbeing issues in College are raised
 - ❖ 17. To organise a Wellbeing Week in collaboration with the other Community Officers every term
 - ❖ 18. To organise care-packages for Finalists during each Trinity Term
 - ❖ 19. To administer the Cookie Fairy’s email address and organise the delivery of cookies
 - ❖ 20. To meet with the Dean of Welfare to regularly help to update the Welfare Document
 - ❖ 21. To maintain a strong relationship with the Dean of Welfare and invite each new Dean of Welfare to a JCR Tea in their inaugural term
 - ❖ 22. To circulate and publish the Welfare Document to the JCR on a termly basis
 - ❖ 23. To circulate the Welfare Document to the SCR with an emphasis on new changes
 - ❖ 24. To promote equal opportunities and diversity within Corpus, especially for underrepresented groups

- ❖ 25. To be aware of and promote to the JCR any unprompted events pertaining to class, disability, ethnicity, faith, gender, or sexuality
- ❖ 26. To liaise with the Equalities Committee and JCR members to organise events, each term, that promote diversity and inclusivity
- ❖ 27. To arrange memorial or anniversary events within College, if appropriate, to commemorate, celebrate, or remember events pertaining to class, disability, ethnicity, faith, gender, or sexuality
- ❖ 28. To liaise with the Returning Officer to ensure that the JCR follows Section 3, Clause IV of the Constitution
- ❖ 29. To hold a meeting twice a term of the Equalities Committee
- ❖ 30. To use, and promote the use of, the Four College Fund, where appropriate
- ❖ 31. To organise an annual Unity Week in liaison with the JCR President, the Access and Class Officer, the BME Representative, the Disabilities Representative, the Faith Representative, and the LGBTQ+ Representative, and in liaison with the other Community Officers
- ❖ 32. To appoint a Full Member of the JCR to fulfil the Standing Orders of the unfilled role of the BME Representative, the Disabilities Representative, the Faith Representative, or the LGBTQ+ Representative, if any of those roles is unfilled, with a preference for the Access and Class Officer, the Community Officer (Men's), the Community Officer (Women's), or any of the aforementioned Representatives
- ❖ 33. To promote any unfilled Representative role relevant to equal opportunities in order to fill it
- ❖ 34. To work with the SU and the SU's campaigns (when affiliated)
- ❖ 35. To work with the Access and Class Officer to assist with access to underrepresented groups
- ❖ 36. To liaise with the JCR President and the other Community Officers in producing the annual wellbeing report";
- ❖ Amend the Standing Orders so as to replace all the Standing Orders of the Welfare Officer (Men's) with the following Standing Orders:
 - ❖ "Elected: Hilary
 - ❖ Committees: JCR Committee, College Welfare Committee, Equalities Committee
 - ❖ 1. To represent JCR interests on the above committees
 - ❖ 2. To attend all committees unless apologies are sent prior to the committee meeting
 - ❖ 3. To support students regarding welfare issues, and work to encourage respect and a regard for each other's wellbeing amongst the College community, working with senior members on specific events where appropriate
 - ❖ 4. To signpost welfare services within College, in the University, and more broadly
 - ❖ 5. To publicise welfare-related information from College
 - ❖ 6. To liaise with Oxford SU (when affiliated) in connection with its welfare services
 - ❖ 7. To liaise with all other JCR Officers who have a student wellbeing capacity, convening a meeting at least once a term, so as to coordinate activities and better serve undergraduate members
 - ❖ 8. To promote the College's counsellor in collaboration with the University Counselling Services
 - ❖ 9. To optionally attend counselling with the College's counsellor each term in direct relation to the role of Community Officer
 - ❖ 10. To provide, in cooperation with Oxford Sexual Health Service, free condoms for JCR members

- ❖ 11. To ensure that there are condoms available in the wellbeing pidge at all times
- ❖ 12. To attend SU workshops (when affiliated) which pertain to the role of Community Officer
- ❖ 13. To run Welfare Tea each weekend of term and ensure that every JCR member is welcome at Welfare Tea
- ❖ 14. To represent JCR wellbeing at College Welfare Lunch once a term
- ❖ 15. To organise non-clubbing events during Freshers' week in connection with the JCR President
- ❖ 16. To liaise with members of the MCR and SCR as appropriate when wellbeing issues in College are raised
- ❖ 17. To organise a Wellbeing Week in collaboration with the other Community Officers every term
- ❖ 18. To organise care-packages for Finalists during each Trinity Term
- ❖ 19. To administer the Cookie Fairy's email address and organise the delivery of cookies
- ❖ 20. To meet with the Dean of Welfare to regularly help to update the Welfare Document
- ❖ 21. To maintain a strong relationship with the Dean of Welfare and invite each new Dean of Welfare to a JCR Tea in their inaugural term
- ❖ 22. To circulate and publish the Welfare Document to the JCR on a termly basis
- ❖ 23. To circulate the Welfare Document to the SCR with an emphasis on new changes
- ❖ 24. To publish all men-related information released by College, the SU (when affiliated), and the University
- ❖ 25. To be a member of Freshers' Committee and hold a workshop on consent during Freshers' Week, in collaboration with the Community Officer (Women's)
- ❖ 26. To organise and advertise men-focused events within College, the SU (when affiliated), and the University
- ❖ 27. To fulfil the Standing Orders of an unfilled Representative role if appointed to do so by the Community Officer (Equalities)";
- ❖ Amend the Standing Orders so as to replace all the Standing Orders of the Welfare Officer (Women's) with the following Standing Orders:
 - ❖ "Elected: Michaelmas
 - ❖ Committees: JCR Committee, College Welfare Committee, Equalities Committee
 - ❖ 1. To represent JCR interests on the above committees
 - ❖ 2. To attend all committees unless apologies are sent prior to the committee meeting
 - ❖ 3. To support students regarding welfare issues, and work to encourage respect and a regard for each other's wellbeing amongst the College community, working with senior members on specific events where appropriate
 - ❖ 4. To signpost welfare services within College, in the University, and more broadly
 - ❖ 5. To publicise welfare-related information from College
 - ❖ 6. To liaise with Oxford SU (when affiliated) in connection with its welfare services
 - ❖ 7. To liaise with all other JCR Officers who have a student wellbeing capacity, convening a meeting at least once a term, so as to coordinate activities and better serve undergraduate members
 - ❖ 8. To promote the College's counsellor in collaboration with the University Counselling Services

- ❖ 9. To optionally attend counselling with the College's counsellor each term in direct relation to the role of Community Officer
- ❖ 10. To provide, in cooperation with Oxford Sexual Health Service, free condoms for JCR members
- ❖ 11. To ensure that there are condoms available in the wellbeing pidge at all times
- ❖ 12. To attend SU workshops (when affiliated) which pertain to the role of Community Officer
- ❖ 13. To run Welfare Tea each weekend of term and ensure that every JCR member is welcome at Welfare Tea
- ❖ 14. To represent JCR wellbeing at College Welfare Lunch once a term
- ❖ 15. To organise non-clubbing events during Freshers' week in connection with the JCR President
- ❖ 16. To liaise with members of the MCR and SCR as appropriate when wellbeing issues in College are raised
- ❖ 17. To organise a Wellbeing Week in collaboration with the other Community Officers every term
- ❖ 18. To organise care-packages for Finalists during each Trinity Term
- ❖ 19. To administer the Cookie Fairy's email address and organise the delivery of cookies
- ❖ 20. To meet with the Dean of Welfare to regularly help to update the Welfare Document
- ❖ 21. To maintain a strong relationship with the Dean of Welfare and invite each new Dean of Welfare to a JCR Tea in their inaugural term
- ❖ 22. To circulate and publish the Welfare Document to the JCR on a termly basis
- ❖ 23. To circulate the Welfare Document to the SCR with an emphasis on new changes
- ❖ 24. To publish all women-related information released by College, the SU (when affiliated), and the University
- ❖ 25. To be a member of Freshers' Committee and hold a workshop on consent during Fresher's Week, in collaboration with the Community Officer (Men's)
- ❖ 26. To organise and advertise women-focused events within College, the SU (when affiliated), and the University
- ❖ 27. To hold an annual Women*'s Formal each year and publicise the date one term in advance
- ❖ 28. To organise the purchase of sanitary products and store some on each College site
- ❖ 29. To fulfil the Standing Orders of an unfilled Representative role if appointed to do so by the Community Officer (Equalities)";
- ❖ Clarify that the present Welfare Officer (Equalities) shall become the Community Officer (Equalities), that the present Welfare Officer (Men's) shall become the Community Officer (Men's), and that the present Welfare Officer (Women's) shall become the Community Officer (Women's), immediately and without a by-election, upon the passage of this Motion;
- ❖ Mandate the Returning Officer to edit the JCR Committee Board so as to reflect the changes enacted by this Motion;
- ❖ Mandate the Computing and Website Overlord to edit the website of the JCR so as to reflect the changes enacted by this Motion.

Proposer: Oskari Penttinen

Seconder: Rei Ota

Fionn raises a procedural motion to skip the reading of the motion.

Vote for procedural motion:

For: 22

Abstain: 0

Against: 3

Procedural motion passes

Michael: The main bulk of it is changing the wording “Welfare Officer” to “Community Officer” in the Constitution. As far as the Standing Orders go, a lot of them are to do with tightening things up that had previously been said and to clarify that this is a signposting role and not a supporting role. The conversation with College essentially boils down to this: they don’t think that first-years should be able to hold welfare positions, because Welfare Officers, while they can be peer-support trained, more often than not, they are not. And, as a result, they lack any formalised training in welfare, where if something were to happen, it could be looked at as College having first-years, who are potentially in their first or second term of University, being supposed to provide welfare to people. This constitutional Standing Order change is to do with making the role a signposting role rather than a directly supporting role. That’s supposed to be left to peer supporters who have had thirty hours of peer support training and regular check-ups and it is supposed to be left to College Welfare. In terms of the day-to-day role of the Welfare Officers, this won’t change overly much. They will still be doing JCR Teas, Welfare Week, and Welfare Tea. It just makes it very clear that they should be signposting any issues that people have rather than actively trying to support them themselves, because they have no formalised training. And, because of these changes, it means that Freshers are still available to run for these positions. This is because it was College’s position that, if we didn’t change this and we kept Welfare Officers as they were, you would only be able to run or hold the position if you were a second-year or above, and, considering the size of our committee, we can’t sustain not having first-years. Welfare is normally a good route for Freshers to get involved in, so we were fine with this change being proposed, namely to Community Officers, because it still reflects the actual role of welfare on a day to day whilst also keeping or allowing freshers to run for committee. That is basically the changes.

Short, factual questions:

Elias: Can I clarify, in terms of College making decisions, is this a response to what happened last year?

Michael: This is what the College Welfare Committee decided on and recommended

Ben: I would like to clarify as well, this brings us in line with a lot of other Colleges. Peer supporters has two supervisions a term, and it starts with each peer supporter talking about how welfare works in each of their Colleges. Over the last three years there has been a marked trend towards peer supporters essentially becoming a more prominent role while welfare takes more of a signposting and communities angle. I think the best example is Queen’s, who have a very clear divide, so this is not something being imposed on to us. This is a way of modernising the way of the rest of the University. This is in my personal opinion a much better progression towards it.

Michael: To clarify, this isn’t what College has told us to do. All of the changes, including the name, everything was something that we as Exec came to them with as our compromise. This is because they were quite hard on not having to change the Standing Orders and wanting first-years not to run. So, everything that is written here is not something that College is putting on us. It is something that we have come to them with as a compromise.

Debate:

Elias: I would like to raise the point that the Welfare Officers did a really amazing job last year during a really tough time. I don't really like the implication behind this.

Sam M: I kind of agree that first-years shouldn't be doing that anyways. I think that if you asked me in first-year, I would have said "yes" but now being older I should have said "no". I think it is something that you do realise as you go through the years. I mean that, if you have not even gone through your own set of exams yet, in those kind of situations, it seems quite difficult to say to someone else that their exams are going to be ok when you have not even experienced them. I think that most of the things that people find stressful are the things that everyone has to deal with at the University and that usually people in older years will have experience in that already. I kind of agree with the idea that people who have just gotten to University aren't ideal for the position. Even with formal training, I think a lot of being able to sympathise with people is having been through those experiences yourself and knowing how people feel and knowing that it is going to be ok.

Michael: The point was made that a fourth-year could not look to a first-year for welfare support. My response to that is that I think that while Corpus is very good at cross-year-group blending, the reality is that there will still be a lot of cases where people will only talk to people in their year-group. And, I think that it is really important that within each year-group there is someone to talk to, because I think, in reality, it boils down to how different people are different. You might have a first-year comfortable talking to a second- or third-year. You might also have a first-year who is terrified to walk into the JCR. I think that it is really important that each year has someone to go to, not even necessarily just for welfare support, but for advertising events such as Welfare Week. Things like Welfare Tea and Welfare Week would be more attended if there is someone in each year group that says, "I am running this event, you should come", compared to a second-, third-, or fourth-year posting on Facebook. I get what you mean about not wanting a first-year to do it. but I also think it is the case where there are three levels of testing before a person can be a Welfare or Community Officer. There are the hustings and the elections themselves, where the people decide whether that person is up for the task. Then, there is their tutor, because College will also be cracking down on tutor permission, where you can only get tutor permission from a fellow on Governing Body. You will have tutor permission as well. We are also talking about, specifically for Community Officer positions, that they will have to have a conversation with the Student Support Officer, Katie Rudaz, or Mark Wormald, who is the new Dean of Welfare, where they can have a half-hour conversation and they can assess whether they would be in a position to do it. So, I get what you are saying about the risks of first-years.

Ben: I would like to raise more points about peer-support training. I think that it is worth pointing out that a lot of peer-support training isn't so much about directly supporting people and dealing with it yourself. I have this giant booklet in my drawer of signposting of actual support in College, University, and external: a lot of directing to actual trained professionals. I can just email our supervisor and ask to connect someone with another peer-supporter in a certain year, if that is the case and is something that would make them more comfortable. I have done that. There is a wider network. If Corpus admits this change, it's not going to undermine a bunch of pillars. There are lots of behind-the-scene systems. The whole point of peer-support training is to primarily get you in contact with trained professionals.

JJ: The only issue that I see with this is, for example, if in my Freshers' Week someone directed me towards a Community Officer, who I can go to with any concerns, it seems secondary school. I am not sure I would want to go talk to a Community Officer, but, if you said a Welfare Officer, I know a bit more. Community Officer feels a bit more like they are there because they have to be and not because they actually serve a role. That is my opinion. I feel like this is something that we can informally say, for example in Freshers' Week, that this is basically like a welfare person but they are called the Community Officer.

Michael: I get what you are saying. The truth is that the name has to change because if not, we won't be able to allow first-years. Welfare Officers have largely become Community Officers in the sense

that they provide welfare to the community rather than to individuals, whereas peer-supporters are from individual to individual

Tom: I find this motion to be quite insulting. Why should I vote for it?

Ben: In actual terms regarding welfare, it has been conversation that I have had with people in other Colleges. There has been a needed change as to how welfare should change and utilise peer-supporters more. I have been trying to think of a way for a while how to do this. Peer-supporters have put a lot of effort with the training and are just more direct lines of access

Michael: Community Officers will still be doing the same role as a Welfare Officer, day-to-day. This will be a piecemeal change in that the most you see will be the name. It just means that, if someone has a welfare issue, they will be guided to someone who has training on how to support them, rather than to someone who the JCR thinks: "Oh, that is a nice person. They can help with this." This will mean that this person will be directed to someone who has been trained for thirty hours on how to deal with emotional responses. They will be directed to adults who have had years of welfare experience.

Elias: If the issue is around being trained, what if we made it mandatory for Welfare Officers to get peer-support trained?

Michael: The reality of that is tricky. Peer-support training is an immense time commitment, and even though College is managing to get a few more, it will just mean we won't have Community Officers, which means we won't have things like Welfare Tea.

Elias: I agree with Ben in that peer-support training is good and is important but we also could run into the problem of not having any peer-supporters. It is possible that the role of the Welfare Officers is lost after a few years.

Michael: The first thing I would say is the handover documents will be staying the same so all previous information from a given Welfare Officer transitioning to a given Community Officer will stay. The experience will still be staying the same. The Standing Order changes largely from the word "Welfare" to "Community" and a few of the Standing Orders that directly say that they are to support people directly rather than signposting have been removed. As far as losing the network of support, Community Officer will still have the same level of knowledge from the handover and they should still have the same level of regard for their position because their Standing Orders are very similar.

Ben: I don't want to keep pushing the peer-support stand, but I am going to. Looking at other Colleges and how they work and their divides, Lincoln MCR, for example, in Freshers' Week has both people there. They have the peer support team there and the whole welfare team. Their welfare team is similar to what is here. Some people also want to sign up to peer support training and not want to be a Welfare Officer. For example, I have matches every Saturday so I can't help out at Welfare Teas. That point aside, Community Officers can still chat about work, accommodation ballot, and so on. There people are still available to help and that is what the role has always done. Peer-support tackles slightly more on the nose, more complex things, more serious things to actual trained supporters. There shouldn't be, in any real terms, any change, as long as we keep up the effort that in the big introduction meeting in Freshers' Week that have clearly laid out what each Community Officer does. There will not be a great institutional loss of knowledge.

Michael: The Standing Orders are practically similar. The position of the existing Welfare Officers was still supposed to only signpost. Whilst Welfare Officers were told to help students, they were also told that when facing any serious issues to relay that to the trained people. All of that remains

the same. Largely, this will not change much because the position of the Welfare or Community Officer is still the same: to direct towards college and formal types of support

JJ: I don't know, but will having more peer supporters, actually make them more visible in the JCR? I will be honest, if I came here into the JCR, and I had a really bad day in labs and Fionn is sitting right there, I am gonna talk to Fionn, same with Mossy. I'm not going to lie, with the peer-supporters, I do not see them in the JCR as much as the Welfare Officers. I feel like having the Welfare Officers in the JCR in the welfare role makes them more visible, more friendly. I would talk to them.

Michael: That is largely the result of Welfare Officers being, as blunt as it is to put it, an elected position, where people who are in the JCR are more likely to run for a JCR position and then hold a JCR position. Peer-supporters aren't an elected position so they are far less likely to be people who you will find in the room. Whilst I understand that you are going to want to talk to people, this is by no means saying that you cannot have conversations with other people. The Community Officers still very clearly have in their Standing Orders that they are supposed to discuss with students. The only difference if you come to a new Community Officer and say that you are undergoing a very traumatic experience, and this is exactly the same as it was for previous Welfare Officers, they are not supposed to have it stop at them. They are supposed to pass that up to someone who has training. I get that you are going to talk to whoever is around you and that that is more likely to be a Welfare Officer than a peer-supporter, but that is the nature of someone in the JCR going to run for a JCR position who is then going to be visible in the JCR. Peer-supporters may not be as present in the JCR at the moment. That doesn't mean that they haven't always in the past. We are currently training more peer supporters.

JJ: It is just that. if the peer supporters are not visible in the JCR, that kind of defeats the purpose of them, because no-one is going to talk to someone who they have never seen or don't trust.

Ben: Politely, JJ, that is not, in my experience, how it works at all. You just get a private message saying: "Can I talk about this?". I get your point, but I tell you that is my job.

Sam M: I think it is just that the issues that people are dealing with peer-supporters aren't the types of issues that people would just bring up in casual conversation.

Michael: Casual conversation would be how the essay is going, the workload, or that kind of thing. For the new Community Officers, it is still the same thing, that level of support is still very much encouraged for a Community Officer to help someone with. It is for more serious things where it is going to require more than just a nice person and a good conversation. It is going to require training. And, so, the point still stands for the Community Officers that they will be the same as Welfare Officers that they are supposed to move them to people who have had that training.

Tom: Are we keeping the requirement for the Welfare Officers to do peer-support training?

Michael: There is not currently a requirement for it.

Ben: It was dropped in the CCCCCC.

Tom: Why should we not have elected peer-supporters?

Michael: I have never been a peer-supporter but I would strongly suggest to not having that be the case, because, currently, as it has been highlighted, there aren't that many of the peer supporters. To then make it that you have to be elected to be someone who can help someone in an emotional situation creates a lot of barriers for what is quite inherently a good thing to do. I just don't see the point in saying to someone: "No, you are not allowed to help someone just because you want to help someone. You have to run an election first."

Ben: It is worth mentioning as well that peer-support training is vetted. I know it might shock you that I was approved, but it is a vetted position. You have to make an application and an interview.

Rei: If this goes through is President then also a Community Officer?

Jacob: Yes.

Elias: I don't know if this is still happening but I know that last year the Welfare Officers were still having regular meetings with the Dean of Welfare and Student Support staff. Are they still happening this term and will they be continuing after this as well?

Jacob: The Standing Orders on that point there haven't changed.

Ed raises procedural motion to vote

Vote:

For: 24

Abstain: 6

Against: 3

Motion passes

Hector raises a procedural motion to discuss the motion of no-confidence next.

Vote:

For: 30

Abstain: 0

Against: 1

Procedural motion passes

INCLUSION OF THE PELICAN FUND IN THE STANDING ORDERS

This JCR notes that—

- ❖ The Pelican Fund is a fund that is provided by College for purchases of items that will be of benefit to Corpuses;
- ❖ This fund is opened annually, and it has been of great benefit to the JCR in funding such items as a new sofa and mugs;
- ❖ Moreover, the fund provides numerous funding opportunities for individual students and societies.

This JCR believes that—

- ❖ The Clubs and Societies Officer has a responsibility for assisting with the applications of students to the Pelican Fund, which was exemplified by the applications that the Clubs and Societies Officer made to the Pelican Fund this year on the behalf of other students;
- ❖ Therefore, it is appropriate that the responsibility for the administrative tasks associated with the Pelican Fund fall upon the Clubs and Societies Officer, so the amendment to the Standing Orders that has been suggested by the Dean in regard to the Pelican Fund should be applied to this Officer.

This JCR resolves to—

- ❖ Amend the Standing Orders of the Clubs and Societies Officer so as to insert the following Standing Order as Standing Order 21: "To maintain a list of items

granted by the Pelican Fund to be used as a reference, on account of the limit of five years on reapplications for sports kits and the limit of three years on reapplications for other items”;

- ❖ Amend the Standing Orders of the Clubs and Societies Officer so as to insert the following Standing Order as Standing Order 22: “To collate reports from the recipients of items, the funding for which was granted by the Pelican Fund, on the positive impact of these items on the students of Corpus Christi”.

Proposer: Fionn McConnon

Seconder: Rei Ota

Ben seconds

Questions:

Ben: Just to clarify off of what I spoke to you about yesterday, Marion asked you to submit this?

JJ: Basically yeah Marion sent me an email and was like so we are approving it this time but it's like not actually in your standing orders yet. But you should have to do this, so yes.

Ben: Ok yeah that seems to make common sense

Elias: Basically you need to keep a list of things that get approved for the pelican fund?

JJ: It's been like a non-official thing for the entire time that the pelican fund items are meant to last for three + years and now Marion is now setting that into stone. Basically it all makes sense and has been unofficial for a while – we are just making it a formal standing order

Debate:

Tom makes amendment to change from five years to three years on sports kit and from three years to five years on other items

Amendment taken as friendly

Vote:

For: 18

Against: 0

Abstain: 1

Motion passes

INCLUSION OF THE PELICAN FUND IN THE STANDING ORDERS (FINAL)

This JCR notes that—

- ❖ The Pelican Fund is a fund that is provided by College for purchases of items that will be of benefit to Corpuses;
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This JCR believes that—

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This JCR resolves to—

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Proposer: Fionn McConnon

Secunder: Ben Wharton

6. Motions of No Confidence

NO CONFIDENCE MOTION

This JCR notes that—

- ❖ The Environment and Charities Officer (E&CO) has not attended a single meeting of the Sustainability Committee;
- ❖ The E&CO has only partly attended the meetings of Green Impact;
- ❖ The E&CO only ran one event last term;
- ❖ The E&CO did not publicise any events relating to RAG or liaise with the RAG Committee last term;
- ❖ The E&CO did not perform a food collection at the end of last term;
- ❖ The E&CO either did not do or did not do on time his JCR Teas last term.

This JCR believes that—

- ❖ All of these tasks are required by the Standing Orders;
- ❖ In particular, the Sustainability Committee is essential to sustainability at Corpus;
- ❖ It is reasonable to expect the E&CO to perform more tasks relating to his role.

This JCR resolves to—

- ❖ Declare that it does not have confidence in the current E&CO.

Proposer: *An Anonymous Proposer*

Secunder: *N/A*

Questions:

Ed: What is the order?

Jacob: There will be SFQs first. Then, there is a speech by the proposer, then a speech from Hector, then free debate.

Rei: Could the Executive Committee elaborate on the evidence that they thought made it was sufficient to be brought to the meeting?

Jacob: The Executive Committee voted: three in favour, one abstaining, and zero against to approve the motion on the evidence. I abstained.

Michael: The Environment and Charities Officer (E&CO) has not attended a single meeting of the Sustainability Committee - True. The E&CO has only partly attended the meetings of Green Impact - True. The E&CO only ran one event last term - True. The E&CO did not publicise any events relating to RAG or liaise with the RAG Committee last term - True. The E&CO did not perform a food collection at the end of last term - True. The E&CO either did not do or did not do on time his JCR Teas last term - True

Nat: Just to avoid any doubt, are all these things part of the E&CO standing orders?

Jacob: Yes. The first five are specifically part of the Standing Orders for the Environment and Charities Officer. The last one is also for every Committee member, but this is also part of the E&CO's responsibilities. It is part of the Standing Orders for all on JCR Committee.

Fionn: Are there any standing orders that the E&CO did fulfil?

Jacob: Yes, there are.

Speech:

Michael reads out the speech by the proposer

Speech of No-Confidence against the Environment and Charities officer

Over the last 3 terms, from his election to the position of Environment and Charities Officer in early Trinity of 2024, the E&C Officer has demonstrated a level of disregard towards his role as a representative of the JCR on environmental issues; apathy towards the JCR committee; and an overall lack of drive towards the responsibilities he said he was willing to shoulder when he ran for the position.

Disregard towards environmental issues

The main college committee the E&C Officer sits on is the College Sustainability Committee, where he acts as the JCR representative. Since his election to the role of Environment and Charities Officer, the E&C Officer has failed to attend a single Sustainability Meeting. The President recounted after he attended on behalf of the E&C Officer that college staff initially confused him for Hector, as they have never actually met him. Whilst the E&C Officer has maintained that the meetings were scheduled too far in advance and occur during his lab times, he has made little effort to be proactive around them. Knowing when the meetings were going to take place a year in advance, the E&C Officer still failed to attend the one in 0th week of Hilary Term as he had not yet returned to Oxford. Despite knowing when the meeting would be months in advance, he chose not to attend potentially the only meeting he could go to that didn't occur during his lab times. Similarly, the E&C Officer has only attended 3 out of 5 RAG meetings during his tenure, further showing his disinterest towards environmental issues at college.

Last terms charity drinks were very well attended, with the profits amounting to some £400+. This money was donated to the Soil Society, as the E&C Officer very openly stated it was the

“Least Left Wing” environmental charity he could find. Whilst a significant sum was raised, it cannot be avoided that the decision of which charity the money should be donated to is problematic. Alongside this, the charity drinks were the only event that the E&C Officer ran last term, despite being mandated to run at least two. All other events were run by a different body.

Finally, the Environment and Charities Officer has consistently made clear his thoughts on the environmental aspect of role, which should constitute half of his role. When organising the Committee Fleece’s for Freshers Week this past Michaelmas, the ex-Treasurer was asked by Hector to only have “Charities Officer” displayed on the fleece, not the full “Environment and Charities Officer” title; clearly, we can see his lack of enthusiasm towards the Environmental aspect of the role. During his Hustings, he made clear his opinion that he would only do the Charities aspect and not the Environment aspect, of his role. All these points demonstrate that the E&C Officer has maintained a level of disregard towards Environmental Issues within college.

Apathy towards the JCR committee

The E&C Officer has not only demonstrated his disregard towards environmental issues, but also his apathy towards the JCR and the JCR Committee, frequently avoiding responsibilities and thus requiring other Officers to perform his duties. Of the 9 JCR Committee meetings held during his term as the Environment and Charities Officer, he has only attended 4 – less than half. With 2 missed meetings a term without apologies constituting an automatic vote of No-Confidence, we must begin to doubt the E&C Officer’s enthusiasm towards the JCR. Likewise, upon realising a motion of No-Confidence had been brought against him, the E&C Officer made it clear he would not be attending the meeting as he described it as “wet”.

The E&C Officer has also demonstrated a level of disrespect towards other members of the JCR committee, who as a result of his apathy towards his role are forced to pick up the work that he does not do. The one sustainability committee that he could attend during 0th week of Hilary Term, the E&C Officer chose to not only not attend himself, but also left it last minute to find someone to attend for him. Having known months in advance the meeting would be held at that time, it was only the day before the meeting was set to occur that the E&C Officer asked the President and Vice-President if one of them could attend in his place. Here we can clearly see a lack of respect for other members of the Committee, who themselves are busy and should be informed well in advance, not the day before, if someone can’t make a meeting. Further to this, last term when he could not make a meeting, the E&C Officer nominated the Vice-President to go in his place and to catch him up afterwards on what happened; all of this before even asking the Vice-President if they were available to go to this meeting, which they were not. His last minute and haphazard planning has frequently meant other members of the Committee have had to take up his work; his Charity drinks last Hilary being ran by the Beer Cellar Representative as the E&C Officer was at the Caledonian Society Ball instead. Last Trinity, despite frequent attempts to get the E&C Officer to plan his charity auction early during term to avoid clashing with prelims, the E&C Officer failed to do so, and as a result the event had to be merged with Pimms and Rounders, an event that had already been organised by the previous Clubs and Socs Officer. The President had asked the Domestic Officer to schedule one of the E&C Officers JCR Tea’s early during the term, as he doubted his ability to do them on time – the result of frequent late JCR Tea’s performed by the E&C Officer last term.

Lack of drive

All this combined demonstrates that the E&C Officer displays a high-level of disregard towards his role as both a representative of the JCR on environmental issues, and as a JCR Officer. He frequently fails to plan events, or to do so in good time, leading to clashes with other events or other members of the JCR having to do them for him. His attendance at both college and JCR meetings demonstrates clear apathy towards his responsibilities. Often citing work or being too

busy, the E&C Officer fails to recognise that all other members of Committee consistently manage to make it to the meetings, despite also being busy.

The Environment and Charities Officer clearly does not want to do the role and is regrettably holding onto a position which would be better suited for someone who cares about the Environment, the JCR, and doing a job they said they would do.

E&CO Response

Hector: I think that the most sticky issue there is the narrative that I don't care at all and that I am skipping things willy nilly. And I do think that the mains are Sustainability committee meetings has fully been out of my control. The person who wrote the speech put it very well when they said that Hector did not return from Edinburgh for a one hour meeting. I am not, I am not going to. There is an inaccuracy in the idea that I knew the meeting in 0th week of Hilary this term a year in advance when I hadn't been elected a year before that. That is just total rubbish. I sent an email before the year had started like three days before the start of term to the secretary who scheduled the meetings to please don't ever schedule a meeting on a Monday or a Tuesday. I can't do it I have labs. Any chemist will know. They replied, oh you can probably reschedule labs. If you have got a two day lab, where you are using something on the second day which you made on the first, it is just not gonna work. And I am not gonna reschedule, you can't reschedule labs basically. The secretary who I emailed initially with this, all the emails I have got here, people can look at them if they don't believe me. The secretary no longer works here. The most telling thing is that there is a meeting on Tuesday in Trinity Term which I obviously can't make as well. And I send emails over and over again, can I read out an email which I sent upon realising that I couldn't make the meeting. After I was sent an email telling me to go to this meeting I sent: "dear Juliet, thanks very much for your email. I am very afraid that with the sustainability meeting sub-committee meetings continue to be at 11am on Tuesday, I will not be able to attend a single one! I have a lab scheduled every single week on a Monday and Tuesday at 11am to 5pm." - I realise that this is a slight inconsistency because I do have one or two weeks off but they haven't coincided with meetings. I don't understand how I am expected to go to a meeting which I have said I couldn't do far in advance. Before the year even started I am now being victimised for a meeting which I missed six months after the first time I said I couldn't do it. Then there is the Green Impact Meetings which I am said to have missed. I have been to, I think I have missed one, possibly two. Again because of a lab. They are also optional. I have been to, we have had six of them so far and I have been to five, possibly four. It is not like I just swan around not doing anything I think with no slight to the previous charity officer, I have actually done a lot of fundraising in comparison. I tossed up the stats I have raised about £800 for various charities. The argument about the Soil association is: a - I didn't say that it was the least left wing, I said that it was the least political charity, which I thought was true. When you have a large event, with lots of people coming, I don't think you should have people being discouraged on account of their political views differing from that to a charity which they are meant to be donating to. I think that the soil association genuinely has no politics, it simply cares about the environment and I thought that it was a pretty good cause to fund money towards it. the other charities have been pretty uncontroversial: comic relief - horrendous charity. WWF, which we raised a lot of money for last summer. And the idea that I didn't do the charity auction because I was asked to do it not during prelims and then I didn't. I coincided it with the pimm's and rounders so more people would come and more people would donate. I am struggling to remember the rest of those things as it was a long list of accusations but I do think that the main thing is that it portrays me as someone who doesn't care at all and hasn't been to any meetings and despite my best efforts I haven't be able to go to a few. But I do attend the vast majority. I do care. Why would I run these charity events, doing fundraising, if I didn't. also another accusation about not turning up to the Hilary Term charity drinks. I was asked to do it before a bop, I couldn't do the last four Fridays of the term and the Entz Committee said: Hector we really want you to do a charity drinks to coincide with a bop. And so I put it on a bop night but also said sorry I can't do it because I'm not around. I also wanted to do it in 7th week but they said you have to do it in 5th and I said sure but I can't come. I think it's all pretty, if someone who has a slight against me or I've personally aggrieved I am really sorry if I have. I don't think it's fair to say that I have such apathy towards everything. I would say that everyone on the committee I get along quite well with. The idea

that I treat everyone with total contempt is a bit of a joke I think. Maybe there is one person, I am really sorry if I have upset you but I think overall – I was quite surprised by the no con otherwise I was thinking that I was doing quite well in charity fundraisers and charity drinks. I think it is a bit of a trumped up motion to be honest. Who wants to look at the emails which I've sent or had have sent to me then do let me know.

Debate:

Ed: There was a part about the RAG thing? I don't know much about that.

Hector: There weren't too many events happening last term, this term has been much more active. If everyone wants to check their inboxes, I've sent around emails before I was notified about the no con. It's all been forwarded.

Jacob: Just for the room, RAG means Raise and Give. It's an SU charity organisation

JJ: Just on JCR Teas. For anyone who doesn't know – it wasn't like this term where you have to do your JCR teas or else you get no-conned. Last term it wasn't that strict was it?

Michael: So, last term, the standing orders for JCR teas have only just been changed. Last term it wasn't formalised in that that would constitute a no-con. It was just more that the responsibility was to do it at 4 o'clock. To clarify the things about what I asked Nathaniel to do, I did ask Nathaniel to put one of your JCR teas in first week because you were consistently late last term and I did want to check if you were planning on doing it on time this term which you did this term.

Ed: This is more of a general suggestion regardless of whether or not Hector gets no-conned tonight or not. I think it might be worth considering the charities role and the environment role and how well they work together and whether it was actually a good idea to merge it last year because I don't necessarily think that someone who is passionate about charities has to be passionate about the environment. And I remember that when people were running for it last year, the joke in the hustings was basically that no one cares about the environment and everyone was running for the charities role? Which is like obviously you're running for both roles. But at the same time it kind of maybe it leads to the issue that two things shouldn't necessarily go together and it might be one of the more nonsensical things to have merged in the constitutional changes last year. Just something to be considered.

Michael: Yeah, noted.

Tom: Sorry I should've said this in short factual questions but before submitting this motion, did exec have a meeting with Hector asking to improve his performance as environment and charities officer?

Michael: There was no formalised meeting

Jacob: There was a decision to have a meeting, which was made when Elias was President

Angelina: There was last term

Michael: Oh ok sorry

Elias: I wasn't there but there was in theory I think

Hector: Treya sent me a text about a meeting which she then didn't turn up to.

Jacob: Oh. In that case, that meeting apparently didn't happen.

Hector: She said come meet in the JCR at 4.30 for a chat about something I am yet to know about

Jacob: Our plan under Elias' presidency was for Treya to do that. Treya apparently didn't do that.

Tom: So this term has exec?

Michael: There has been no formal meeting however there was discussion—

Hector: There was no informal meeting either

Michael: There was—

Tom: Why did exec jump straight to a no-con rather than a meeting with the relevant officer?

Michael: At the beginning of the term, there was no formal meeting. However there were discussions with Hector and lots of jokes being made at the beginning of term about a no-con being levied against him. And then there happened to be a no-con against him

Tom: So rather than meeting with him, you joked about no-conning him and then you just actually no-conned him?

Michael: To answer two of those questions, first of all, we joked about no-conning him - no we didn't. Other people have made jokes at Hector's expense that he is going to get no-conned for his performance based on his performance last term. Second thing, of the entire JCR, three of the people on this bench cannot submit a no-con: myself, Angelina, and Jacob. We do not have the energy or the will to get someone to submit a no-con against him. Oskari is far too busy—

Tom: This is not true.

Michael: This is not true based on...?

Tom: I was asked to submit the no-con against Hector.

Michael: By who?

Tom: By Jacob.

Michael: Jacob, is this true?

Jacob: Yes.

Michael: There were frequent chats at the beginning of term about his performance and there was last term

Hector: Was I present in these frequent chats?

[Laughter from the room]

Elias: Just very quick thing because a lot of this is referring to things that happened during my time. I don't support this. I have never had any issues with Hector and E&C Officer. This has never crossed my mind, I am voting against this. That's all I am saying.

Sam Moss: Also could I ask quickly like it sounds like Hector said he can't go to these meetings because he has got labs and it didn't get moved. It is not obvious to me what Hector is supposed to do in that situation

Michael: So I emailed Juliet because I wanted her opinion and Juliet did say: 'regarding the matter Hector did inform the sustainability sub-committee that he could not attend the meetings scheduled due to a clash with his academic commitments – an adequate reason not to attend. The meetings are scheduled at least a year in advance so altering the timing to suit everyone is impossible and this year's meeting was set before Hector was elected to be the E&C Officer'. That was the whole email

Nathaniel: Just to check I am able to just say things right I don't have to ask any questions?

Michael: Yeah

Nathaniel: The one charities drinks hector did not host, I did for him. I would just like to say a couple of things. First of all I do seem to remember him being there actually in his white tie before the ball setting stuff up with me. He did leave behind several things from his own home, not in his own custody for the entire evening including a rather nice valuable speaker that we had to go and find the next morning because it had not been returned sufficiently. I would just like to say regarding that thing I do remember that it was an unfortunate timing of events so he couldn't do it and he did it to the greatest ability that he could and I was more than happy to stand in for the rest. Just I wanted to say that about the first charity drinks.

Jacob: I will nominate a Deputy Returning Officer to conduct this vote. Seeing as Rei was the Returning Officer last year, I will nominate him.

Jacob nominates Rei as DRO.

Rei: Does this require a procedural motion?

Jacob: Yes.

Rei proposes a procedural motion to confirm his appointment as DRO.

Vote for procedural motion:

For: 19

Against: 0

Abstain: 6

Procedural motion passes

Vote:

For: 3

Against: 26

Abstain: 1

Motion fails

7. Charity Motions

FUNDING FOR CORPUS CHRISTI COLLEGE RUNNING CLUBS

This JCR notes that—

- ❖ The recently inaugurated Corpus Christi College Running Club has proved to be popular, with over twenty-two Corpusescles expressing interest;
- ❖ However, the Club has not had the opportunity to apply for Clubs and Societies funding this year.

This JCR believes that—

- ❖ Given that the aim of the Club is to increase the accessibility and enjoyment of running, offering members of the Club a free hot drink or pastry after group runs, of which there are two per week, would help to boost participation, particularly during Hilary Term.

This JCR resolves to—

- ❖ Mandate the Treasurer to provide Corpus Christi College Running Club with £75 to spend on hot drinks and pastries for group run participants.

Proposer: Grace Wong
Seconder: Daniel Ning

Ben Wharton proposes, Tom Fuller seconds

Questions:

Akarsh: How long would this money last for?

Jacob: Grace is not here, so I don't think that anyone here actually knows.

Ben: The reason grace raised this because when she started the club she missed the application for funding so I assume for that time frame

JJ: That will be until the end of the year then

Debate:

Rei: I would just like to point out that clubs and socs budget does not fund food and drinks. They always get denied except cheese society. My concern is that if it is precedent, then every club that wants food will come to the JCR.

JJ: Just in the interest of fairness, Grace is saying she did this because she missed the deadline for the clubs and socs budget which is fair. But if she had submitted that under the clubs and socs budget it wouldn't have been approved. I don't think it would be fair to grant this when lots of other societies such as poetry soc also asked for food and drink and they didn't get it. so I don't think that it would be fair for the clubs and socs to grant this for the running club.

Vote:

For: 5

Against: 12

Abstain: 5

Motion fails

JCR DONATION & LOAN TO THE ANNUAL FAIR

This JCR notes that—

- ❖ The annual Tortoise Fair is a hallowed tradition of Corpus Christi and a wonderful event for the entire College;
- ❖ On the 1st of June this year, hundreds will descend upon Corpus' garden, Pimms in hand, after a thorough sponging of the JCR Committee, to see tortoises race, capping off the year in spectacular form;
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This JCR believes that—

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This JCR resolves to—

- ❖ Mandate the Treasurer to donate £1000 and loan the same toward the 2025 Tortoise Fair;
- ❖ Welcome anyone eager to get involved to reach out, as the JCR dives into planning for this marvellous event!

Proposer: George Weston

Secunder: JJ Fitzpatrick

Questions:

Ben: What is mermaids?

George: It's a trans advocacy group

Logan: When this comes out of the JCR budget, would this be for this term or next term? As the Tortoise Fair is next term

Oskari: This is an annual thing and does not affect the budgets. This is standard expenditure.

Elias: When was the last time it went up? Like most of these regular expenses

George: It's gone up from last year which was £800. I am going to make an amendment to make it to £1500

JJ: Factual question to Oskari, can we afford an increase of £500?

Oskari: No

JJ: Can we afford an increase of £200?

Oskari: Preferably not – no we can't

Cathy: What is the actual breakdown?

George: It is all on the budget. I sent a new one to Jacob as there is a slight change of figures. It is mainly on merch actually

JJ: What would be in line with inflation? If we were to increase the amount given?

Elias: Like 5% ish

Oskari: A bit less. But given our current financial situation, I do not endorse an increase to the donation or to the loan

Debate:

George: I would like say that Anna actually – she got funding for like £1000 and £1000 loan. That doesn't actually cover the expenses. So Anna had to out of her own pocket pay for the tortoise expenses for the fair. And then she had to be refunded by the JCR later down the line and after the sales. So I am just saying to take some of the pressure off this year to potentially up the donation.

Oskari: Essentially we took a beating £2.2k last year financially. I would not endorse anything which means we might go into a deeper deficit this year. I am happy to negotiate about a larger loan to help you alleviate the pressure but only at a larger loan and we need to make it back.

George: What would you be willing to go up to in the loan?

Oskari: I am happy to loan 1.3k. I am assuming that you will have to tap into your own money but I am happy to loan 1.3k. how loans work is either you submit the expenses to me as you have them and I refund you immediately. Or if you have a significant upfront payment I will just transfer the money to you beforehand.

Oskari proposes amendment to increase loan amount to 1.3k

Amendment taken as friendly

Logan proposes amendment to update the new budget

Amendment taken as friendly

Vote:

For: 23

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes

JCR DONATION & LOAN TO THE ANNUAL FAIR (Final)

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9. Motions as Submitted

THE SILENCE OF THE SLAMS

This JCR notes that—

- ❖ There is an adjoining door between the JCR and the kitchenette;
- ❖ This door has a tendency to slam;
- ❖ Over time, this slamming will cause, and to some extent already has caused, damage to the door.

This JCR believes that—

- ❖ Placing a strip of foam between the door and the doorframe would ameliorate the slamming;
- ❖ Because of the annoyance of the slamming, it is worth doing so.

This JCR resolves to—

- ❖ Mandate the President to petition College, in particular Georgina Rudolph, to install a protective strip of foam between the door and the doorframe between the JCR and the kitchenette.

Proposer: Fionn McConnon

Seconder: JJ Fitzpatrick

Questions:

Ed: Can you make sure the colour is similar to the door?

Michael: Can do

Ed: It would be a shame if it was bright yellow or something

Ben: How visible is this going to be?

Michael: I don't know.

Ben: I quite like the noise

Michael : I can't imagine this will eradicate the noise completely. There will still be noise but will muffle it. The door is also like 300 years old so it is probably a good idea to protect it. it isn't good for the door

Rei: How practical have previous furniture related petitions been going for exec

Michael: Initially Fionn asked as a monetary motion but I am actually not sure whether we are allowed to do this as it is technically a college space. I am having a meeting with Georgina anyways so I said that if they wanted to they could mandate me and I can have a conversation with Georgina and see if that is possible to install. Hopefully they will be receptive to it.

Debate:

Vote:

For: 13

Against: 6

Abstain: 0

Motion passes

10. Emergency Motions

SKY IN THE BC

This JCR notes that—

- ❖ The College currently pays for Sky in the Livingstone room;
- ❖ Lance would like to have sky in the BC;
- ❖ We have a TV in the BC to watch sports and other events.

This JCR believes that—

- ❖ Having Sky Sports in the BC would get more people down there in order to watch sports;
- ❖ Lance or Andy Rolfe will do this if the motion goes ahead.

This JCR resolves to—

- ❖ Request that College put Sky in the BC through a cable or other means.

Proposer: Logan Allen

Seconder: Azriel Farlam

Questions:

Tom: Are they actually going to do this?

Logan: Yes so essentially Lance asked Andy Rolfe about getting sky in the beer cellar because we already pay for sky in the Livingstone room for some reason. I don't know why. Lance and Andy are happy to deal with this if this motion passes

Elias: The issue is they offer to do it and then you never hear back.

Logan: It is more because lance asked me to put in this motion.

Rei amends motion to mandate all Entz officers

Logan takes as friendly

Vote:

For:15

Against: 0

Abstain: 1

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- ❖ Mandate the Entz President, the Entz Officer (External), and the Entz Officer (Internal) to request that College put Sky in the BC through a cable or other means.

11. Any Other Business

Jacob: There was a by-election happening recently. We elected Sam Gosmore to be Faith Representative and Sophia Kearns to be Welfare Officer (Women's).

JJ: I think that everyone should have the opportunity to discuss this. We have £1000 from college to buy a new couch for here and upstairs. What do we want to do with that? I believe that Michael has things to say about this with rent agreement but we have £1000 to spend from college on a couch or seating.

Michael: My only thing is that if we get it through the pelican fund then it takes onus away from college. College currently cleans that sofa for us. That is something that they pay for. I also don't know how much £1000 is going to get us. That is a really nice sofa. I haven't checked sofa prices recently but I don't know. I am happy to spend £1000 on furniture but I don't know if I would want it to be that big sofa over there. Another thing is if we pay a grand, I don't know if we will have to be the ones to move it into here and I don't know exactly how we are going to do that.

Logan: Any second years or sad third years, please fill out the hallway hall forms