

## Liberal Youth Exec Meeting Minutes

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2016.**

Attending: Jack, Charlie, Dylan, Ryan, Nate, Rachel, Aria, Scott, Andrew, Declan, Chloe.

Apologies: N/A

Not attending: Ciaran.

Guests: Elizabeth, Stacey, Dom, Elliot.

### First Aid at Conference

- Scott (Welfare): due to there only being one first aid trained member last year, he has budgeted for two members of the executive to receive first aid training.
- Charlie (Chair): suggested the need for mental health first aid training because of safeguarding issues in the past.
- Charlie: successfully suggested Scott be one of the members to do the training.
- Aria (Communications): provisionally volunteered to do the training.
- Charlie: will open a dialogue with Tim Gordon in regards to mental health training provisions.

### Chatbox

- Dylan (Vice Chair): outlined the Chatbox submission of amendments process.
- Nate (Events): praised the CoC and highlighted that the admin team should have free reign over how the Chatbox is run.
- Andrew: highlighted how certain members dominate the Chatbox. Members had approached him stating that they are intimidated to post or comment on the Chatbox.
- Chloe: praised the new amendment and asked if we could get non-exec members to be on the admin team.
- Dylan: suggested members may join the team for the wrong reason at this point. Scott: highlighted that moderators could be appointment.

- Ryan (Campaigns): disagreed with restricting post limits, citing that free speech and open debate should be part of the Chatbox.
- Charlie: stated that Chatbox reflects on Liberal Youth and our image to the federal party.
- Rachel: praised the admin team.
- Andrew: suggested keeping a record of warnings.
- Aria: suggested making a specific message/group to make warnings more visible.
- Stacey: highlighted that each organization has its own rules and the Chatbox should be treated similarly.
- Elizabeth: Chatbox has become more relevant with the new admin team.
- Charlie: Chatbox is a platform for everyone not a select few individuals to continuously post. Wait for the review of Chatbox.
- Chloe: highlighted the need for a culture change, post content of substance not posting for lack of anything better to do..
- Nate: talked about the issue of total volume mass in the Chatbox not just spam and gave this as a reason to keep the amendment regardless.

Toilet break.

#### Young and Winning

- Charlie: highlighted Newport for a LY action day.
- Dylan: local Newport party, can pay expenses for members to come to Newport and campaign in local election. Accommodation, evening meal and social drinks. ALDC coming to give training. December 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Chloe: keep Wales and Scotland in the loop to avoid any action day clashes.

#### Elections

- Stacey: RO unavailable but offered to help set up the system for another person to run the next elections.

- The executive give thanks to Stacey and Lee for their RO work.
- Stacey: suggested Vicky should do the elections, for continuity and so that data stays with one person. If not Vicky, then another staff member.
- Charlie: by-elections for NPO and MemDev will be done at the same time as LYE elections.

#### Social Media

- Ryan: queried the issue of a hate speech poll on the Liberal Youth twitter account.
- Dylan: explained how he was simply passing on a concern from a member about the hate speech poll.
- Charlie: questioned timing/relevance of the poll. Try and make posts relevant to political news.
- Dylan: thanked Ryan and Aria on their response of concerns from Charlie and himself.
- Nate: offered re-brand logos to campaigns team to use in the future.
- Charlie: confirmed we have the new @YoungLiberals handle on Twitter and Facebook.
- Chloe: requested a welsh handle and logo from Nate.
- Declan turns up 2 hours late.
- Nate: will send the 'cabin' font for the Young Liberals re-brand/logos to all the execs emails.
- Dylan: the review of Chatbox will be anonymous to address why people may not be posting in the forum regularly.

#### LYMEC

- Andrew: the LY motion presented on Brexit did not pass. Other parties supported a hard Brexit. Lost by 7 votes.
- The executive expresses disappointment with the manipulation of the democratic process from the Belgian party at LYMEC congress.
- Andrew/Hannah and Charlie will produce a statement to be sent to LYMEC.
- Andrew: LYMEC are setting up a working group on Brexit, a policy will be made at the next congress. Liberal Youth will work closely with parties that supported the original policy.

- The executive congratulates the Alliance membership of LYMEC.
- Chloe: highlighted we have 3 members on the populism group.
- Andrew: the next LYMEC conference is in Stockholm. Speaker at last conference suggested that Catalonia become independent. Highlighted that we hope this does not happen again due to sensitivity issues.

BREAK FOR LUNCH.

## BUDGET

The exec gave thanks to both Stuart and Rachel for the work put into the budget.

- Rachel: opened the opportunity for people to suggest amendments to the budget. Some contingent expenses may not be in the budget. Thanked members for their co-operation with the budget. Praised international and welfare for their excellent proposals which did not require follow-up questions to understand.
- Nate: highlighted that his costing is the bare minimum. There is a potential for one of the conferences to be cancelled due to cost or to shorten the conferences by a day or two. Past conferences were not sufficient and therefore should not be used for cost comparison. Bristol had access problems and Edinburgh had a low turnout.
- Andrew: supported reduction of days for Activate, noting the difficulty of attending for young professionals.
- Rachel: cutting a day of Activate would cut £1300 from the deficit.
- Nate: over 18's will need to show Nate ID for events tickets.

Absent any proposed amendments, the budget for events was agreed as proposed and the exec expressed that if Nate had to cut a day of Activate due to cost pressure this would be acceptable.

- Rachel: IR Cymru had sent in a budget request the night before, a week past the agreed deadline.
- Chloe: proposed IR Cymru should receive £400 for events and elections. Requested £400 for fresher's campaign independently from the federal party due to translation issues.

- Aria: cheaper for Wales to design own freshers but get printed with Federal?
- Ryan: coordinated campaign would be beneficial.
- Rachel: reluctant to give Cymru large amount of money due to communication issues. Praised Chloe for all her work done but does not feel it should be down to Chloe alone.
- Vicky: logistically it should be all done together at HQ for LYE, LYS and Cymru freshers.
- Chloe: happy for it to be done federally. Will give some handover notes to Ryan for campaigns.
- Rachel: committee should be created: dedicated for where the fundraising money from Young and Winning will be spent with a rep from all branches of LY.
- Chloe: advises an action weekend in Cardiff, 3-4 young candidates standing.
- Rachel: £30 banner. Propose same as Cymru, federal are going to cover costs for freshers. £160 will be given for Action Days. Federal expect LYS to cover £120 for Scottish conference through fund raising. Scotland budget currently stands at £190.
- Rachel: Disclosure of LYE budget proposal, cut to a total of £300 to be distributed when LYE existing reserves run low.
- Election expenses estimate in the budget was increased after challenge from Charlie.
- Rachel: set out costings and plans for sale of merchandise. Price could be considered 'suggested donation' at federal conference to gain more money. Noted that there were outstanding compliance issues to address before this could go ahead.
- Aria: provisionally offered to store merchandise/delivered to house.
- Nate: Will not be claiming expenses, this is taken off the budget £-200.
- Rachel: suggested donation of £10 for fresher's pack and charge £7 for postage/offer for them to come collect from HQ. Postage will save £560 postage charge.
- Vote on the budget as amended: 8 in favor 0 opposed and 2 abstentions (Nate and Chloe).

The budget as amended passes..

NATIONBUILDER

- Aria: LD federal party will handle transactions of the payment. Request for up to date membership list. Vicky is going to work on this with Greg.
- Charlie: re-brand: highlighted the need to change nationalbuilder from LY to YL
- Rachel: social media and website change on the same day. Target to do this by Christmas.
- Charlie: exec profiles for website should be done by next week.

Date of next meeting: 7<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

AOB

Charlie (procedural):

- Ciaran has failed to produce a weekly report two weeks in a row.
- Any important business should be done via email as opposed to personal chats.
- Ciaran has not submitted apologies this week (first offence), apologies should be done a week in advance.

Nate:

- Bristol Activate, behavior of some members was unacceptable. Nate and Scott have drafted a CoC for conference.
- The executive approves the CoC in principle, unanimously, with suggested changes to come in the following week which will then be sent to compliance at HQ, a final vote will be done via email.
- Brighton review: strict stall rota, anyone who is not on the rota cannot go behind the stall. The stall is also not used for bag storage. Donation from all of the exec for tombola at conference.
- 1 fringe: invitation to the wider party to show what YL can do.
- Vicky: offered a web session from HQ on how to write good policy motions.

Vicky

- Campus society, app and online. Political page, we could be the first party on there. 200,000 members. Essentially a political forum. However, there is questions on who could admin it.

Charlie

- Opportunity for members to submit questions to the executive via a google form, and then submit answers. Once every two months.

Meeting closes.