



Scottish Young Liberals Meeting Minutes

15th November 2018

I. Welcome & Apologies

- a) Present: Becca Plenderleith, Calum Paterson,
Ross Stalker, Jack Clark

Apologies: Richard Wood, Matthew Greenwood

II. Business

(1) Cooption of policy officer

- (a) Decided that Richard Wood would do an email to members for nominations for Policy Officer, final decision would be taken by the executive. In the interim, Jack Clark will be acting PO, with support from other executive members
- (b) Policy ideas were discussed: Universal Basic Income, devolve welfare to Scotland, and an "anti-TERF" motion
 - (i) Try to get 2 to conference committee

(2) Appointment of new Returning Officer

- (a) It was agreed that the executive would approach Caron Lindsay to be new Returning Officer following Callum James Littlemore's election as co-chair of Young Liberals

(3) Budget

- (a) Budget allocations were as follows:
 - (i) Freshers: £300

- (ii) Conference Access Fund: £250
 - (iii) By-Election Fund: £200
 - (iv) Other: £150
 - (v) Budget total came to £900 (depending upon how much money SYL has in its account)
- (b) Questions were raised over funding allocations – mainly concerning By-Election Fund and Other
 - (i) Would £150 be enough to cover costs in an emergency? i.e. snap general election
 - (ii) Why is £200 going to By Election fund? Has there been any modelling of what would happen with it?
- (c) Exec needs to find how much exactly was spent on Freshers packs and reimburse societies which paid themselves
- (d) Vote on budget would be conducted via email due to absence of Matthew Greenwood and Richard Wood
- (4) Communications
 - (a) Strategy would be decided after indication from Richard Wood
 - (i) Need to know what Richard's strategy is
 - (b) Membership Development would be a combined effort of the whole executive
 - (c) Email society chairs to make sure they're included due to no longer being part of the executive
- (5) Federal Election Debrief
 - (a) Executive welcomes the outcome of the Federal Election and look forward to working with the new administration
- (6) Reports
 - (a) Chair
 - (i) Wants to get more people on board and involved in rural places (Thurso, Wick etc.)

- (ii) SYL Chatbox
 - 1. Many members of Chatbox will be removed due to not being members of Scottish Young Liberals
 - 2. Chatbox may be replaced with a Young Liberals Forum style Facebook Group to try and engage more members
- (iii) Exec would contact society chairs regarding freshers
- (iv) Regular posts in YL Forum
- (b) Buddy system will be in place by the Scottish Spring Conference in Hamilton
 - (i) Ask Scottish LD members generally if they want to be involved with buddy system – matching young people with young people etc.
- (c) Vice Chair**
 - (i) Helped with freshers
 - (ii) Will plan the process of cooption of policy officer
- (d) Campaigns Officer**
 - (i) Conference motions to be decided upon and exec will campaign around them
- (e) Communications officer**
 - (i) Absent*
- (f) Policy Officer**
 - (i) Position vacant
- (g) Treasurer**
 - (i) Absent
- (h) Non-Portfolio Officer**
 - (i) Jack Clark has been working to start a YL Society at UWS and has been working on media and a motion with ERB Lib Dems

- (ii) Tara Copeland to put Jack Clark onto Policy Committee until policy officer is coopted
- (iii) Suggested motion being done with ERB Lib Dems

III. AOCB

- (1) No other business

IV. Date of next meeting

- (1) To be confirmed:
 - (a) Skype meeting within the next month – date and time to be put to poll, possibly mid-December
 - (i) Subsequent monthly Skype meetings
 - (ii) Quarterly or 2 monthly physical meetings

Minutes submitted by: Jack Clark

Minutes approved by: Becca Plenderleith

V. Post-meeting*:

- (1) Communications:
 - (a) Nation Builder can now be accessed (fortnightly emails will be committed to as well as regular posts). Society groups will be contacted for regular coordination and communications. Policy Officer comms strategy: Once the policy officer nominations timetable is finalised SYL members will be notified via email and Facebook and the process will begin. Once motions are developed for spring conference SYL articles will be written to promote them, members will be contacted to gather opinion and student/local paper news and agenda columns will be contacted alongside online promotions.