



## ***Scottish Young Liberals Skype Meeting Minutes***

23<sup>rd</sup> March 2019

### **I. Welcome & Apologies**

- Present: Becca Plenderleith, Ross Stalker, Jack Clark, Matthew Greenwood
- Apologies: Calum Paterson

### **II. Business**

#### SYL Executive age limit

- Ross ages out of SYL in April, before the date of the next election. It was decided that Ross should remain on the Executive until the end of the term.

#### AGM

- The AGM was arranged for the 13<sup>th</sup> of April – 3 weeks from the date of this meeting. Jack is to speak to Clifton Terrace and book the conference room for this date
- An email will be sent out to members advertising the AGM inviting them to come along.
- Ross has concerns over whether branch chairs should be members of the SYL Executive – current rule is that they are not members. This was briefly discussed and decided that currently the party is too small to allow for this. There was the suggestion that there could be a policy sub-committee made up of branch chairs.
- Becca will sort out the wording of constitutional amendments to be brought forward at the AGM

## Communications

- Jack has been made interim Communications Officer following the resignation of Richard Wood
- Richard Wood will be taken off the SYL Nationbuilder
- It will be confirmed whether Caron Lindsay is willing to be Returning Officer for the SYL Election, taking over from Callum – James Littlemore following his election as Federal Young Liberals Co-chair
- Concerns were raised over the implications of GDPR on the balloting of members for the SYL Elections

### **III. Reports**

#### Vice Chair

- *Sends apologies*

#### Treasurer

- Matthew Greenwood phoned Clifton Terrace regarding access to the bank account and was planning to phone again later in the week to follow up on the issue.
- Callum – James Littlemore will have his Returning Officer expenses paid once we have access to the bank account.

#### Campaigns

- Our Trans Rights policy at Scottish Conference was received well and passed overwhelmingly.
- People's Vote graphics were suggested and were to be sent to Jack to put out on social media
- Suggested that climate change and the environment would be a campaigning point. We have policy but it needs to be talked about more.

### Interim Communications

- Jack has been focusing on social media – set up targets for followers on Twitter and likes on Facebook for the Scottish YL pages.
- Ross Stalker asked if there was a specific social media budget – there is not and any money for this would come under “miscellaneous”
- If there is a People’s Vote and it coincides with SYL Elections there may be the possibility of postponing the SYL Elections
- Jack has spoken to Harry Samuels (Federal Communications Officer) to coordinate messaging on federal issues such as Peoples Vote

### **IV. Any other business**

- Matthew Greenwood has suggested a policy motion for Scottish Autumn Conference regarding prisoners in Scotland being allowed telephones. Ross Stalker suggested that it be made to cover prison conditions more generally.
- Due to Rebecca Plenderleith’s Scottish Young Liberals email not working, those wishing to get in contact with her via email should do so at R\_Plenderleith@outlook.com

### **V. Date of next meeting**

- Next meeting will be the AGM, a meeting after that will also be arranged
- Minutes submitted by: Jack Clark
- Minutes approved by: Becca Plenderleith