



**Minutes of EYL Executive Meeting  
Held on 11/2/2021 via Zoom**

**In attendance**

WT - William Tench - English Chair  
FU - Fergus Ustianowski - Vice Chair & Western Counties Chair  
SC - Sam Cumber - London Chair  
AB - Adam Belcher - Yorkshire and Humber Chair  
KF - Kieron Franks - East of England Chair  
JPa - Julius Parker - South Central Chair  
LC - Loukas Christou - East Midlands Chair  
LJ - Luke Jeffery - Devon and Cornwall Chair  
PG - Patrick Gilbert - West Midlands Chair  
OJL - Oliver Jones-Lyons - North East Chair (Arrived late, apologies in advance)  
KM - Katharine Macy - Federal Accessibility, Diversity and Standards Officer  
EB - Elizabeth Barnard - Federal co-Membership and Branch Development Officer  
JPu - Joel Punwani - Federal Campaigns Officer

**Apologies**

TDS - Taylor Donoughue-Smith - North West Chair  
YM - Yan Malinowski - South East Chair

**Matters Arising**

WT confirms all have been done; with the exception of asking Jack Worall and Callum Robertson about Slack access due to the resignation of Jack shortly after last meeting. Will be done after the election of a successor.

KM sent Regional Chairs the Diversity Calendar.

FU did tiles for the website, in the form of an interactive map.

AB confirms letter sent to Northern Liberal Network; LC and PG have not yet contacted Lib Dems for the Heart of England.

### **Chairs Reports**

SC has been assisting members in setting up a new branch in North and Central London.

EB confirms that it was accredited this morning.

SC is hoping to set up another one in South London after a member approached him about a branch in Wandsworth, looking at expanding the geographical extent of Sutton Young Liberals to cover South or SW London.

AB is in talks with members in Harrogate and Knaresborough who are looking to set up a branch.

FU held his Regional General Meeting.

WT updates the Exec about plans for Conference; encourages Regional Chairs to attend and be visible.

### **Local Elections in England**

JPu encourages Regional Chairs to start a group chat and be in regular contact with branch chairs and young campaign organisers in their region. Suggests picking of targets who have a chance of winning and a sufficient phone list for phone banking. Recommends utilising branches and doing joint events for regional action days. Closes by reminding regional chairs to push Young and Winning.

WT asks JPu if Regional Chairs can be given the list of the Young and Winning candidates getting money when this is decided.

JPu will, but encourages Regional Chairs to also set their own targets based on their knowledge on the ground.

WT asks JPu what support Federal campaigns can give to regional action days.

JPu says that regional and national action days work well in tandem - hopefully their successes will help each other.

AB asks if Joel has been in touch with Sophie Thornton as she's a very winnable candidate.

JPu confirms he has, notes there are lots of fantastic candidates in Sheffield so would be an ideal place for an action day; perhaps in March.

PG asks Joel if he has any advice for organising a phonebank?

JP make it regular, publicise in advance, put a social aspect at the start, encourage people to chat in the Zoom chatbox, make it as less draining as possible, allow people to have breaks. Above all, make it as fun as possible!

WT adds to not forget to get a group photo!

PG says that he often struggles with phonebanking, asks how he overcomes that as a leader.

JP set targets, for example do 20 then have a break; have friendly competition.

### **Regional Campaigns Officers**

JP pleads with Regional Chairs to have a campaigns officer on their executive, and to encourage their branches to do so. Hopes to create good communication channels between himself and them to share best practice. Make sure they're in place and active outside elections as well.

### **Young Liberal Conference and General Meeting**

WT talks Regional Chairs through English General Meeting plans. Proposes that motions may only be moved on Officers who have not had a regional general meeting, and that conference must be quorate in accordance with the regional constitution.

Executive votes unanimously to approve.

WT talks Executive through a proposed amendment to the English YL Constitution that he would like to introduce on behalf of the Executive. Would codify existing practise on vacancies happening after the election of a successor.

AB and FU speak in favour of introducing the amendment.

Executive votes to approve. Amendment will be introduced at English General Meeting.

### **Regional Websites**

FU has been doing work on regional webpages, Western Counties now done and has a template for others to adapt. Asks Regional Chairs to review and suggest what they'd like for the regions. Asks them to send him what areas their region covers.

SC notes a spelling error in the templates

AB praises the map on the English landing page

PG notes that regional chair links on the regional executive tables are similar colour to the table

FU - Template defaults to FAA61A links, will play around to see if it can be fixed.

OJL praises the template and the work FU has done.

### **A.O.B**

### **General Meetings**

LJ asks regions that have held General Meetings how they have gone and what lessons there is to be learned.

FU held his on Saturday, eighteen attendees. Had two emails advertising and went reasonably well.

SC had nine attendees, not including himself, and had Councillor Anton Georgiou as a guest. Was slightly disappointed by turnout, thinks that better email advertising would have helped. Lasted around an hour, with the majority of time spent on the guest.

OJL says that North East wasn't quorate so will have to be rescheduled. In talks with Thom Campion (North East Regional Development Officer) on the best way to move forward.

### **Regional Executive Co-options**

WT notes that there is no central deadline for regional executive vacancies to be filled - encourages that people wait until it goes out in a newsletter at earliest.

SC notes that the London Executive wasn't filled at the general meeting because four people applied for eight vacancies.

JP encourages campaign officers!

### **Federal Officer invited to next meeting**

Regional Chairs confirm they would like Thom Campion (Federal co-Membership and Branch Development Officer) to be invited to the next meeting.

WT expresses his thanks on the record for all the help Thom has given to EYL - getting updated membership info for the regions and setting up typeforms.

**Meeting closes at 17.49**

## **Action Points**

Regional Chairs to send WT their Officer Reports for English General Meeting by 18.00 on Monday 15th of February.

Regional Chairs to feedback to WT what that would like from TC's invitation to the Executive.

WT to invite TC to the next meeting.

WT to discuss with SC about issues with London Liberal Democrats Executive, and chase up with London Liberal Democrats Regional Chair if need be.

LC and PG to contact Lib Dems for the Heart of England.