

# Western Counties GM minutes



Date: 06/02/21

Time: 13:00

## Welcome & Speeches

There was an attendance of 17 Young Liberals members including the Chair of Western Counties and the Chair of English Young Liberals who was the guest speaker.

**Fergus Ustianowski (FU)**: Thanked everyone in attendance, stated that this was the first ever Western Counties General Meeting and it was great to start all this up.

**FU**: Introduced a speech from **William Tench (WT)** the Chair of the English Young Liberals.

## Constitutional Ratification

**FU**: There were no constitutional amendments emailed in and asked whether anyone had any in the meeting. None were put forward so then moved the constitution to a vote for ratification.

The constitution was unanimously ratified in a vote.

## Elections

**FU**: Congratulated **Adam Walsh (AW)**, **Ben Ferguson (BF)**, **James Arrowsmith (JA)** and **Janey Little (JL)** for Dorset rep, Somerset rep, WECA rep and Diversity and Access Officer, respectively. They were unopposed so were co-opted into the roles automatically. Also, the Vice-Chair will be elected internally on the first regional YL executive.

**Katherine MacDermid (KM)** made a 30 second speech for the Wiltshire rep role, **Samuel Pearce-Kearney (SPK)** then withdrew his nomination giving **KM** the elected representative.

**Andrew Burton (AB)**, **Thomas Shranack (TS)**, **SPK** and **Joshua Heinrich (JH)** all put their candidacy in for the two Non-Portfolio Officer (NPO) roles. In the first round of voting, **AB** was elected to one of the positions of NPO, no other candidate got above 50% of the vote. In the second round of voting **TS** surpassed the 50% mark and became the second NPO.

No one came forward for the Gloucester rep and remains vacant.

**FU**: Thanked everyone for attending the meeting and stated that there will be regional branches and that anyone who wasn't elected at a regional level should still get involved with the branches. Also thanked **WT** for coming and speaking.

Meeting closed at 13:28.

New Elected Regional Executive:

Position		Name
Chair		Fergus Ustianowski
Vice-Chair		*Vacant
Branch Reps	Dorset	Adam Walsh
	Gloucester	*Vacant
	Somerset	Ben Ferguson
	WECA	James Arrowsmith
	Wiltshire	Katherine MacDermid
Diversity and Access Officer		Janey Little
Non-Portfolio Officer		Andrew Burton
Non-Portfolio Officer		Thomas Shranack