

Young Fabian Exec – minutes

Present: Ellie Groves, Ria Bernard, Kuba Stawiski, Charlotte Norton, Ben West, Jack Phipps, Miriam Mirwitch, Rebecca Meredith (arrived during meeting), Jade Symonds (phoned in for socials update)

Action points in bold.

I. **The Chair's report**

1. Ellie Groves thanked Ria Bernard for organising Young Fabian campaigning.
2. Ellie extended her thanks to Miriam Mirwitch and Jack Phipps, who helped coordinate YF campaign sessions with London Young Labour.
3. Ellie noted all else had been quiet during the campaign period.

II. **Secretary report**

1. Kuba Stawiski informed the exec that there was no bulletin in May due to the election campaign, and that the next bulletin would go out whenever the exec saw convenient. Moving it to the end of June was discussed.
2. Kuba noted Nathaneal's work in putting together a photo collage of YF campaigning. Kuba said he would thank all campaigners and organisers in the bulletin.
3. Ellie Groves asked Kuba to put the Brexit pamphlet in the monthly bulletin.

III. **Accounts**

1. Kyalo Burt-Fulcher informed the exec he had access to the accounts and would be able to make payments. He asked for expenses to be directed to him.
2. Kyalo noted the emails Ria Bernard had sent, and said payment could be made through him. He asked if members and exec agreed with his guidelines for expenses.

3. It was agreed draft guidelines would be issued with a monthly bulletin.
4. Kyalo informed the exec of the state of the accounts: he thought there was around £7000 pounds in the accounts and around £200 on PayPal. He also noted there were about £800 of expenses to be paid when internet banking was set up.
5. Ben West asked if there was an expense request form. A discussion followed, in which the informal procedure of emailing Kyalo as Treasurer to request expenses was discussed.

Ellie Groves suggested a Google spreadsheet be created; Kyalo agreed.

6. Ellie noted the need to ensure a smoother accounts' transition in the future.

IV. Anticipations update

1. Charlotte Norton informed the exec of Antics discussions, including significant increase in blog views and posts.
2. Charlotte praised Ben Gartside's efforts in liveblogging the general election result.

V. Campaigning update

1. Ria Bernard noted the success of YF campaigning efforts in 2017 and their positive reception.
2. Ria signled out the member-led sessions in Reading West and in Oxford East with the Co-op Party for praise, alongside the high turnout in Ashfield.
3. Jack Phipps praised campaign sessions in Dagenham & Rainham and Ashfield. He noted the gratitude of Young Labour for YF assistance.
4. Miriam Mirwitch noted the visible presence of YF members at LYL socials, which was welcome.

VI. Boat Party

1. Jade Symonds introduced the topic of Boat Party guests. She noted the £90 cost if the boat was to drop off guests before the end of the cruise.
2. Jade informed she would be sending out an email setting out the basic information about the Boat Party. The need for careful wording was noted, given the post-election atmosphere.

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3. **Ria Bernard asked if the charity fundraiser would be mentioned in the email. Jade agreed.**
4. Ben West agreed to help with Eventbrite if required.
5. Kyalo Burt-Fulcher asked if a decision on charges had been made.
6. Ria suggested an extra half hour be added to the event to account for lateness.

VII. Membership survey report

1. The membership survey report was praised. Finding available to exec members.

VIII. Charity of the Year

1. Ria Bernard informed the exec £120 was raised at charity event. Members were keen to offer connections and assistance.
2. Ria praised, in particular, Roisin Kelly, who helped organise the event.
3. Ria asked the exec to source ideas for prizes in the Boat Party raffle.
4. The possibility of a mobile payments' app was discussed.
5. Ellie Groves suggested money should be put in an envelope.
6. Ben West suggested payment widgets for PayPal.
7. Roisin Kelly suggested a JustGiving page.
8. Charlotte Norton noted that, legally, a record would have to be kept and the balance in the account could never fall below any donations deposited in it.
9. Rebecca Meredith suggested VirginGiving.
10. **It was agreed prizes should be GiftAided.**

IX. Executive officers' reports

1. Jack Phipps noted his event had been postponed. New date TBC.
2. Kyalo Burt-Fulcher raised the idea of an event with other think tanks. Charlotte Norton and Miriam Mirwitch suggested a show debate, with a training session for debates beforehand.

X. Fabian Summer Conference

1. Ellie Groves asked if the Networks had any ideas. Alex Georgiou from the International Network said they didn't have any yet, but would follow up.
2. Ben West asked what the Venue was for the Summer Conference. Ellie said this would be confirmed on Saturday or Sunday.
3. Rebecca Meredith suggested this should be an event on LGBTQI+ rights, given it is Pride that day. Ellie agreed.
4. Ellie noted the deadline for Labour Conference slot pitches had been extended.

XI. Brexit Pamphlet

1. Ellie Groves noted all contributors had been spoken to and that it was proceeding as planned. One Labour Party Conference slot would be assigned to the Brexit Pamphlet.

XII. Pamphlet reports

1. Ria Bernard noted Isaac Turner's pamphlet was proceeding as planned. Funding was asked about.

Miriam Mirwitch suggested he contact Adam Duyster and SIRA regarding potential external funding.
2. Ria noted Isaac was planning for a wider launch in Parliament and to contribute a blog post and that, traditionally, the exec doesn't pay for pamphlets. Isaac would speak to Kyalo.
3. Kieran Wilson had additionally asked Ria if it would be possible for reciprocal blogs with Antics. Charlotte agreed.

XIII. Network update

1. Alex Georgiou noted the timing of the International Network's Steering Committee, alongside the migration and MUN events.
2. Charlotte Norton informed the exec of upcoming Law Network events, including one on military law.
3. Ellie Groves asked if Rebecca Meredith would be involved in producing the Law Network's immigration pamphlet.
4. Ben West said Finance Network would reschedule its events with the Living Wage

Foundation and Chuka.

5. Ria Bernard noted Steering Committees had reconvened post-election.
6. Ria also informed the exec of Nadia Islam's pamphlet plans.

XIV. A. O. B.

1. Jack Phipps congratulated Ellie Groves on her engagement.
2. Kuba Stawiski raised the need for a discussion of electoral rules.
3. Rebecca Meredith mentioned an event with KSF with Martin McCluskey on the Tories' lack of electoral success.
4. The structure of local Fabian groups was discussed. Ellie Groves informed the exec Andrew Harrop was keen for it to be informal.
5. The upcoming transfer from Nationbuilder to CVCRM was discussed.