



# **ST HILDA'S JCR MEETING MINUTES**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

(Nothing reported unless stated otherwise)

- I. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting**
- II. JCR Executive Committee Reports, as below:**
  - 1. (Secretary (TG)) Feedback from Junior Library Committee meeting
  - 2. (Treasurer (JG)) College and the Living Wage (read out in absence)
  - 3. (Treasurer (JG)) Investment Committee Meeting (read out by RB on his behalf)
  - 4. (President (MP)) Booking meals in Hall
- III. Questions to the JCR Executive Committee**
- IV. JCR Committee Reports, as below:**
  - 1. (Returning Officer (EB)) Womxn's Rep by-election
  - 2. (Trans rep (EF)) Transgender Awareness Week
- V. Questions to the JCR Committee**
- VI. Reports from any person/group that has received a JCR financial contribution**
- VII. Motions of resignation**
- VIII. Constitutional amendments**
- IX. Emergency motions**
- X. Other motions, as below:**
  - 1. Funding for Food Rescuers

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## **II. JCR Executive Committee Reports:**

### **1. (Secretary (TG)) Feedback from Junior Library Committee meeting**

Please interact with the library team's social media however you can. They do lots of work that doesn't get much recognition.

Contact the Secretary or the Library team directly if you feel a group is underrepresented in the library's collection of works.

The coffee machine is under consideration but there are concerns it promotes unhealthy habits and encourages students to stay in the library longer than they should.

A new water fountain is also under consideration but as a temporary measure plodge have hot and cold taps. Equally a fridge may be considered with glass water bottles for people to help themselves to. Please contact the Secretary if you have any ideas, opinions or concerns about this.

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### **2. (Treasurer (JG)) College and the Living Wage (read out by RB on his behalf)**

In response to a question from a JCR Committee member, the treasurer asked the College Bursar about staff wages:

- We follow the Living Wage (min £9.50 p/h), rather than the Oxford Living Wage (min £10.31 p/h).
- There are 28 employees (scouts and casual catering staff) receiving the Living Wage.
- For casual staff, a £1.15 p/h allowance for holiday is paid. Of course, permanent staff receive paid leave.

If members of the JCR have any further questions, please contact the Treasurer.

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### **3. (Treasurer (JG)) Investment Committee Meeting (read out by RB on his behalf)**

Sarasin presentation (the fund manager used by College):

Investments have underperformed over the last 12 months, largely due to not investing in fossil fuels. Exposure to Chinese tech companies is small (questioned due to human rights abuses and the influence of the Chinese government over these firms). This is continually monitored so the investment meets College's and Sarasin's strict ethical policies.

Cantab Asset Management presentation:

This presentation was held to see if College may choose to invest with this company in the future but will not do so immediately. This is due to concern that Cantab would not best represent College's and the JCR's ethical and environmental interests.

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### **4. (President (MP)) Booking meals in Hall**

This is currently in its early stages as an idea. The aim being to reduce the amount of food waste produced by Hall, which is currently three large green bins a week. When there is more discussion/more information, the President will make the JCR aware.

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## **IV. JCR Committee Reports:**

### **1. (Returning Officer (EB)) Womxn's Rep by-election**

No one has yet applied for this role on the JCR. Fresher's can apply. Husts will be rolled over until the next JCR meeting.

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### **2. Transgender Awareness Week**

This week is Transgender Awareness week. Reading, education, and being even more aware of Transgender issues is encouraged. There are also events going on throughout the week at Wadham College.

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> is Transgender Day of Remembrance. The Sanctuary will be open as an area of remembrance from 1 until 2:45.

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**XI. Other motions:**

**1. Motion Title: Funding for Food Rescuers**

**Proposed by:** Tristan Chapman

**Seconded by:** Oscar Smith

**Motion passed with amendment**

Amendment(s):

- Support Food Rescuer's capacity to offer training courses alongside leadership and organisational skills to JCR members involved (**passed**)

Questions raised:

- (MP) Have any other College's started using the service to remove food waste from hall? It is under discussion with a few Colleges, particularly St Hugh's.

The meeting noted that:

- (TC) £25 of the money would go directly to a JCR member to fund training in food health and safety.
  - (JG – read out by RB on his behalf) The funds given must benefit the JCR directly, be it a tangible or non-tangible benefit, such as learning a skill. This is a legal requirement as the JCR is a registered charity.
  - (TC) Food Rescuer's are waiting on a response from College with regard to working together in reducing food waste in Hall.
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