



**St Anne's College**  
**JCR Motions – General Meeting**  
**Week 3, MT21, 24/10/21**

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**General announcements:**

- Announcing the MOP on Tuesday.
- Treasurer has announced that we will have budget cuts in some areas.

**MOTION 1:** Remove current signatories from JCR bank account and add Kane Moylett and John Ford as signatories.

**Proposed by:** Kane Moylett

**Seconded by:** Connor Craig

<b><i>This JCR notes that:</i></b>
The current signatories on the account are registered from 2014/15 – It is inconvenient and irrational to have JCR members from 7/8 years ago on the account who are difficult to reach.
<b>This JCR believes that:</b>
It would be simpler, easier and more sensible to have current signatories on the account, and I would also recommend John Ford (who would not have access to the account) who would be able to help in the future if a treasurer forgets to remove themselves such as in 2014/15.
<b>This JCR therefore resolves to:</b>
Remove the three current signatories on the JCR account and add the current treasurer, Kane Moylett, and the current college treasurer, John Ford for consistency in the future.

**Comments/Questions:**

- **KM-** makes it difficult to arrange financial things- needs his name on the account.

**THERE WAS NO DEBATE FOR THIS MOTION.**

**Vote:**

In favour: 20 (Includes 2 proxy)

Abstentions: 0

Against: 0

**MOTION PASSES**

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**MOTION 2: Creation of an environmental fund**

**Proposed by: Kelsey Monteith**

**Seconded by: Kane Moylett**

<b><i>This JCR notes that:</i></b>
The Environmental Officer currently has no JCR budget to use for hosting events or purchasing any other items.  This may prevent or complicate efforts of the Environmental Officer to host events or purchase items which would benefit the college environment.
<b>This JCR believes that:</b>
Creating an Environmental budget would be beneficial for the college and would allow the Environmental Officer to be able to have more of a positive influence in college.  Environmental events would also be beneficial for student welfare and would allow the college to present a positive environmental image to students and staff.
<b>This JCR therefore resolves to:</b>
Set up a budget for future Environmental Officers to use for environmental issues such as hosting events, purchasing resources or donating, starting from the next academic year.

**Further Comments:**

- KM- would help the future environmental officer to do more going forwards.

Any ideas what the fund could be used for?

- Bee hotel making session.
- Look into buying resources for environmental events/ could co-ordinate with welfare.

Where does the money come from?

- KM not sure yet- had to ask treasurer for a bike lock for bike scheme.

Could bee hotel be done through welfare?

- Don't think they have the budget. Could upcycle. Nobody really has the resources currently.

Why is it being proposed for next year?

- More feasible for next year than this year. Treasurer says with the budget cuts there wouldn't be much for this year.

**VOTE:**

FOR: 21 (Including 1 Proxy vote)

AGAINST: 1

ABSTENTIONS: 0

**MOTION PASSES**

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**MOTION 3: To Support 'Persephone'**

**Proposed by:** Carrie Penn

**Seconded by:** George Webber

***This JCR notes that:***

- Persephone is a new musical written by Emma Hawkins and Carrie Penn, and it will be performed at the Oxford Playhouse in Week 5 of Michaelmas Term (November 11 – 13<sup>th</sup>). It is being put on by a student production company (Jazz Hands Productions), which is affiliated with OUDS (Oxford University Drama Society).
- Several members of St Anne's JCR are involved with Persephone, including Carrie Penn, as composer and musical director, and Kevin Zheng and Benedict Bradley as band members.
- Persephone has an original script and score, all written and composed by current Oxford students, and it is the first original student musical to be staged at the Oxford Playhouse.
- As per OUDS and Oxford Playhouse regulations, if a profit is made out of this production, it will remain in Oxford drama.

**This JCR believes that:**

- Funding is extremely important for theatrical productions, as all income from tickets comes at the end of the show run.** This funding would go towards marketing and production costs, particularly the costs of set construction materials.
- The performing arts should tackle societal issues within performance, but it should also be an obligation of production companies to actively ignite discussions.** Persephone is a contemporary retelling of a classical myth, and tackles themes of mental health, power abuse and feminism. There are plans for events to spark academic discussions surrounding reinterpretations of classics and the

themes explored in Persephone, and this financial support would also help cover speakers' fees for these events.

c. **Access and outreach are important in the University as a whole, including in theatre.** The Persephone team is aware that theatre appears exclusive and inaccessible to most people, and they are committed to changing this. They are currently in contact with several schools to organise pre-show drama and classics workshops with pupils, and financial support would greatly help them achieve their access initiatives.

d. **In such an academically focused place, it is important that we keep stimulating students' artistic pursuits and creativity.** By supporting Persephone financially, the St Anne's JCR would be supporting students involved in all aspects of musical theatre: performance (acting, singing, dancing), playwriting, design and technical roles.

e. The performing arts have been one of the most affected industries during the pandemic, and the future of many students hoping to join this industry is significantly more uncertain than before. **The JCR believes that we must keep supporting the arts and the students involved in them,** and give them the opportunity to get the experience and skills they need before they graduate.

**This JCR therefore resolves to:**

Contribute £250 from the Arts Project Fund towards the production and marketing costs for Persephone.

**Further Comments:**

- Art fund is for these kind of projects- would support the company, with things like engaging with pupils.
- The money stays in Oxford drama- if the show turns a profit, it goes into next show.

**Debate:**

- KM- the arts funding is 600, 250 is a large chunk. Some projects use the fund as a 'loan' and then pay it back if there is a profit. Can 'Persephone' do this?
  - Depends on ticket sales- there is a breakeven point which we aren't currently at. Depends on how well the show does.
- Are any other college JCR's investing into the fund?
  - We are in the process of applying to other JCR's arts funding in the same way as we're doing for Annes now.

**VOTE:**

FOR: 15

ABSTENTIONS: 6

AGAINST: 2 (Including 1 proxy vote)

**MOTION PASSES**

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**MOTION 4 : Greater clarity for food in hall**

**Proposed by: Emily Wackan**

**Seconded by: Kelsey Monteith**

***This JCR notes that:***

The availability of vegan and plant-based food in hall lacks the appropriate advertisement. While a vegetarian option is always available, this isn't always vegan. Vegan options are available upon request, but the lack of clarity surrounding this causes unnecessary stress amid studying. Furthermore, both vegetarian and vegan options provided in college frequently lack the appropriate nutrients – often lacking in protein – making eating in hall and choosing the vegetarian/vegan option less appealing.

**This JCR believes that:**

Members of the college who currently choose to eat a plant-based diet for any reason should not be discouraged from eating in hall due to the meals on offer. Greater clarity should be provided regarding the availability of vegan options in the form of online advertisement (via the college dining site). Meals with plant-based proteins should also be more frequently available, as a diet lacking in protein has detrimental impacts on an individual's health and subsequently their ability to study.

It may also be pertinent to hold 'Meat Free Mondays' in college, which would help to drive the need for better and more nutritionally balanced vegan meals, as well as aiding to reduce the college's carbon footprint.

**This JCR therefore resolves to:**

Communicate (via the Domestic Affairs Rep) with the catering team about providing:

1. Greater clarity about the food options available in hall
2. More nutritionally balanced, plant-based meal options

Implement 'Meat Free Mondays' (potentially on a trial basis) to bring greater attention to this issue and encourage the college and catering team to be more mindful of the options being given to students and the subsequent impact this has on the environment.

**Further Comments from Proposer:**

- KM- there is always a veggie option but if you don't like that one option can't really eat in hall, would be good to encourage more choice.
- EW- Communicate with the catering team, making sure that it is done properly so that the vegan diet is equally as nutritious as other diets. There are plant-based proteins.

**Debate:**

- SD- they have recently added a suffix to the menu on the site that says you can ask for a vegan option if the veggie option isn't vegan.
- Some people weren't aware that you could ask for vegan options.

What is an example of a vegan option?

- Quite option the veggie option is vegan- sometimes have to take out cheese, which are put on veggie options, but that can be the source of protein which is not ideal.
- The veggie option can be stir-fry noodles, which are often egg noodles which aren't vegan-friendly.

What happens if college says no?

- We passed it in JCR, so it is representative of what the students want.
- Ethical reasons, not isolating students from the student experience by not being able to eat in halls- plenty of good reasons to give to college.

KP- Meat free Mondays might be difficult.

- Maybe do a veggie and significantly different vegan meal.

Do you think meat-free Mondays would discourage some students from going to hall?

- It's always a possibility, but there are currently students right now who are discouraged from going to hall due to lack of options.
- Can encourage people try something different to what they would necessarily try.
- Thursdays currently have Veggie option that is also vegan- should do that more consistently.

**VOTE:**

FOR: 18 (Including 1 Proxy vote)

ABSTENTIONS: 3

AGAINST: 1

**MOTION PASSES**

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## MOTION 5 : Support of the Green Norrington Table

**Proposed by: Kelsey Monteith**

**Seconded by: Will Allfrey**

### ***This JCR notes that:***

In 2015, the Paris Agreement was set up with an aim to limit global warming to well below 2°C warming above pre-industrial levels by 2100, and preferably 1.5°C. We are now on track to at least 3°C warming by 2100. 1.5°C warming would drastically change the Earth system and humanity's dependence on it, particularly damaging nations in the Global South – let alone anything greater than 1.5°C.

That the Oxford SU, the Cambridge SU, the Oxford Climate Justice Campaign and Fossil Free Oxfordshire have partnered together to create the Climate League of Oxford and Cambridge (CLOC) Green Norrington and Tompkins Tables.

That the Green Norrington and Tompkins Table will rank every College based on commitments they have publicly made in the following four areas: decarbonisation, divestment, delinking and governance.

That every College was emailed a questionnaire, to be completed before October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021, asking them to provide information about any commitments made in these four areas to ensure every College is given an opportunity to publicize any positive commitments made.

That every College **will be sent (on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Oct 2021)** a follow-up letter, giving Colleges 3 more weeks to respond, by 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021, with explanations of changes being made to the questionnaire to reflect and reward established and concrete plans in the four areas of ranking, to acknowledge Colleges' efforts up to date fully.

That the Oxford SU, established the Oxford Climate Justice Campaign in November 2013 to lobby Colleges to divest from fossil fuels, that the Oxford Climate Society was established in December 2014 partly to encourage Colleges to decarbonize.

That St Anne's have not yet publicly announced a Net-Zero target date, or a plan on how to achieve Net-Zero\*

\*I believe that this is in the process of being developed, but a clear and transparent statement would be desirable.

### **This JCR believes that:**

The colleges of the University of Oxford are world-leading in research, and collectively have enormous financial and social capital. This incurs an environmental and ethical obligation to lead by example.

That St Anne's should be transparent about what commitments it has made to tackle the climate crisis and that without being transparent St Anne's can neither be held accountable for its commitments nor can its positive achievements be celebrated.

That the establishment of a Green Norrington and Tompkins Table will provide students and Oxford citizens with greater awareness of how Colleges are tackling the climate crises and would incentive Colleges to continue to make positive steps to tackle the climate crises.

That St Anne's has had sufficient time to address the concerns raised by the Green Norrington and Tompkins Table and that greater transparency will only fuel more collaboration between Colleges in tackling the climate crisis.

**This JCR therefore resolves to:**

Support the creation of a Green Norrington and Tompkins table that will highlight College's progress towards tackling the climate crisis.

To encourage **St Anne's** to reply to the CLOC new questionnaire and letter, and to engage with the group to enable completion of the questionnaire to their best knowledge, in order for the table to be most effective.

To call on **St Anne's** to publicly announce a Net-Zero target and release plans to decarbonise before 15<sup>th</sup> Nov 2021\*\*.

\*\*This is the date included in the original motion sent out by OCJC. However, this may not be feasible (for the plan).

**Comments/Questions:**

- Conference of colleges are very against it- they think that collaboration is better than competing. But we compete academically so should be the same environmentally. It keeps getting put off- this is a way to show that students do support it and nail them down to doing something about it.
- College does have a responsibility to be transparent to students about what they are doing to tackle climate crisis.

What sort of concrete action should Anne's include in such a plan?

- 4<sup>th</sup> week meeting with John Banbrook about what concrete action can be taken- clear targets i.e net zero by 2030, then need to get someone in to assess how to do that. Bevs are being renovated- how this happened would be quite important, but we need an external company to come in to do this.



About the Bevs- they do have the carbon emissions figures on it, and are hoping to reduce by about 2/3.

- We are aware that college are trying to reduce emissions on the bevs, but if they are listed buildings its hard to change a lot.
- Focus on minimising where we can and creating offsets.

Wouldn't offsets be costly?

- Yes, this is why we need to plan what we can do on-site and minimising as a priority, but we need to do it. We can't ignore this in terms of the climate crisis.

VOTE:

For: 19 (Plus 1 proxy)

Abstentions: 1

Against: 0

### **MOTION PASSES**

- When the new questionnaire has been received by college, we can email college saying that the JCR supports it.

### **Other general comments:**

- Airbeds –
  - If you need an airbed for your room, Will Allfrey is the one to contact.
  - We are currently missing 2 airbeds- anyone who has an airbed that belongs to the JCR please return.

**END OF MEETING**