

Minutes

Communities Zone Executive Committee Meeting

29/01/2020



There was a meeting of the Students' Union Communities Zone Executive on **Wednesday 29th January** from **13:00-14:30** in **C.2B85**

In order to ensure the meeting is kept to time please ensure all attached papers are read in advance.

IN ATTENDANCE

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| 1.1 | Members Present | | |
| | Joshua Muirhead | JM | VP Communities |
| | Chloe Whyte | CW | Union president |
| | Hannah Dry | HD | Sustainability Officer |
| | Cian Ireland | CI | Housing Officer |
| | Marie Stadler | MS | International Officer |
| | Charlene Grigatis-Schickler | CGS | Student Representative |
| | Euan Stainbank | ES | Student Representative |
| | Clemens Ziesek | CZ | Student Representative |
| | Daniel Deery | DD | Student Representative |
| | Emily Hencher | EH | Student Representative |
| 1.2 | In Attendance | | |
| | Róisín Niamh McCollam | RM | #isthisok? President |
| | Kara Quast | KQ | #isthisok? Secretary |
| | Kanishk Saraogi | KS | Meditation & Manifestation President |
| | Mia Taylor | MT | Meditation & Manifestation Secretary |
| | Roddy Wilson | RW | Rock & Metal (RAMS) President and Stirling Staff & Students for Community Justice Society (SSSCJ) President |
| | Emma Ross | ER | STAR Society President and Marketing Soc (SUMS) member |
| | Abigail McLean | AM | STAR Society Secretary |
| | Noemi Banal | NB | Swing in Stirling Treasurer |
| | Caitlin Turner | CT | Marine Conservation Society (MCS) President |
| | Lewis Clennan | LC | SUMS Treasurer |
| | Harry Williamson | HW | Brig Reporter |
| 1.3 | Observers | | |
| | Elaine Shepherd | ESh | Activities & Volunteer Coordinator |
| 1.4 | Apologies | | |
| | Svea Horn | SH | Co-Curricular Officer |
| | Sam Ormiston | SO | Media Officer |
| 1.5 | Absent without Apologies | | |

MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

ELECTIONS & RESIGNATIONS

- 3.3 General Election- Alyn Smith elected as MP for Stirling

CHALLENGES TO ORDER PAPER

DISCUSSION AND DECISION TOPICS

- 4.1 #ISTHISOK? Starter Pack
 4.2 #ISTHISOK? E,D&I accreditation application

RM and **KQ** presented the starter pack and E, D & I accreditation application. CZEC asked a number of questions regarding safeguarding, confidentiality and the support that the society would receive from the University.

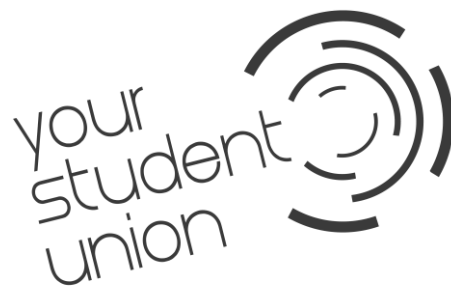
ES gave some background on the society and the support that they have had from the University and the Union as part of the #isthisok? Campaign. ES also advised that the ambassadors will be paid by the University to deliver the training and CZEC advised that they wanted more details of this support, the safeguarding and confidentiality policy within the society.

ES to feed back CZEC's questions to the society and resubmit starter pack for approval.

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- 4.3 Meditation and Manifestation Starter Pack
KS Presented starter pack.
CZEC passed unanimously but requested ES to feed back to society the importance of training the members in meditation to ensure longevity of the society after current qualified members leave.
- 4.4 University of Stirling Student, Staff and Community Justice Society- starter pack
4.5 University of Stirling Student, Staff and Community Justice Society- E,D&I accreditation application
RW Presented Starter Pack and E, D & I accreditation application.
EH Can you confirm that this will be non-political?
RW Yes, it is issues facing the community which the society is more concerned with and we aim to keep this non-political. It will be a non-political activist society.
DD Commented on the fairness of these societies being E,D&I accredited as this is normally to support a minority group but this may not always be the case depending on the campaigns being ran by this society.
ES Will reiterate the risks of being E, D & I accredited as this forfeits any funds for the society.
CZEC passed new society and E, D & I accreditation with 7 approvals and 3 abstentions.
- 4.6 STAR Society starter pack and E, D & I accreditation
DD Commented on the fairness of these societies being E,D&I accredited as this is normally to support a minority group but this may not always be the case depending on the campaigns being ran by this society.
- Other members were satisfied with refugees being categorised as a minority group.
ES Will reiterate the risks of being E, D & I accredited as this forfeits any funds for the society.
CZEC unanimously passed.
- 4.7 Grant application form- Swing in Stirling
NB Presented club grant application for MacRobert for the society to use the rehearsal space.
CGS **Enquired why the society couldn't use Union spaces.**
NB The flooring and room size in MacRobert is much more suitable to the activities and the Union spaces are being used by many other societies which can make booking difficult.
CZEC unanimously passed the application for MacRobert but declined the application for the social trip. Up to £261 granted pending an invoice from MacRobert.
- 4.8 Aussie Action Week Grant application
CT Presented application towards clothing for Aussie Action Week volunteers. Tshirts provided and will remain low cost for students and staff and 100% will go to the causes if the CZEC part fund the t-shirts. Advised that these had been sourced locally and economically.
CZEC 6 approvals and 2 abstentions. £300 granted from Club Grant.
- 4.9 Mooting Starter Pack
No one in attendance, postponed to next meeting.
- 4.10 Grant application- RockSoc
CZEC required more specific costs before approving the application. ES to feedback to RockSoc.
- 4.11 Grant application-SUMS
CZEC challenged on mode of transport as minibus being used instead of public transport.
LC We have looked at different cost options and this is the most financially viable due to having to travel at peak times and being too late for a group ticket. ES made society aware of the carbon costs which will be covered by the society due to the Union's commitment to remaining carbon neutral.
CZEC approved £150 of the grant application on the condition that the society liaise with ESH to find the most environmental option of travel.
- 4.12 Grant application- Brig
CZEC rejected this application as advised that many students are skilled in creating logos and did not agree that the Club Grant should pay for an external. They also didn't see pop-up banners as an essential and Brig still have £300 of their own Club Grant allocation left so they could use this.
- 4.13 Club Grant review
Reviewed by CZEC. Full update to be given at next meeting.

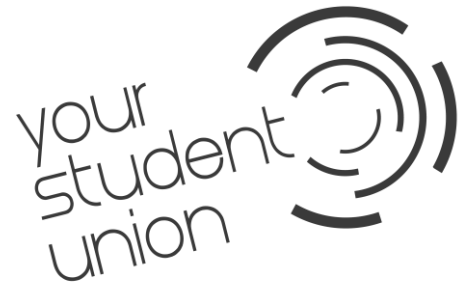
REPORTS / PRESENTATIONS

- 5.1 VP Communities Update
Out of time, will review at next CZEC meeting.
- 5.2 Co-curricular Officer Update
Out of time, will review at next CZEC meeting.
- 5.3 Sustainability Officer Update

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5.4 Housing Officer Update

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5.5 International Students Officer Update

Out of time, will review at next CZEC meeting.

5.6 Media Officer Update

Out of time, will review at next CZEC meeting.

DATES TO NOTE

- 6.1 Aussie Action Week 3rd February- 9th February
- 6.2 Clubs Ball tickets on sale and nominations open- 3rd February
- 6.3 Pride week- 10th February-14th February
- 6.4 Clubs Ball nominations close- 6th March
- 6.5 Clubs Ball- Thursday 9th April
- 6.6 RATE nominations open
- 6.7 Union Election dates can be found at:

<https://www.stirlingstudentsunion.com/representation/elections/>

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

9.1 TBC