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# Minutes of the British Youth Council Annual Council Meeting 2010

4<sup>th</sup> September 2010  
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**Those present:**

**Delegation:**

Aberdeen City Youth Council  
Boys' Brigade  
East Hampshire Youth Council (EHYC)  
Girlguiding UK  
Hampshire County Youth Council  
Kent Youth County Council  
Liberal Youth  
National Council for Voluntary Youth Service (NCVYS)  
National Federation of Young Farmers Clubs (NFYF)  
National Union of Students (NUS)  
Northern Ireland Youth Forum (NIYF)  
Sheffield Youth Council  
St John Ambulance (England)  
Staffordshire Youth Action Kouncil  
The Scout Association  
UNISON  
Wolverhampton City Youth Council  
Woodcraft Folk

**Welcome and introductions.**

Tom Le Feuvre, outgoing BYC Trustee and Chair of ACM gave an opening welcome and speech, including:

- A welcome and introductions of key members of the board
- Housekeeping
- Why we are here today

**2009 Minutes - presented for approval by the meeting.**

Tom Le Feuvre presented the ACM 2009 Minutes for approval by the council and they were approved.

**Prioritisation of Motions**

Tom Le Feuve explained:

- That due to the high number of motions submitted by the membership that the council may not get through all the motions
- The meetings sub group (the group of trustees who has responsibility for the running of ACM) decided that the only fair method was to ask the members present here today to prioritise them.

- Therefore it was presented to the membership that they now had the chance to vote on which motions you feel need to be debated first.
- That this vote will use a method of voting known as Single Transferable Vote (STV).

Vote on prioritisation of motions was held.

## **Reports and Finance.**

Tom Le Feuvre asks BYC Chair Alex Delaney and BYC Vice Chair Finance Alex Potts to present the Board of Trustees and finance report

Questions put to the Chair and Treasurer were:

1. How much did Government grants total last year?
2. How come it is recorded in the accounts that £7000 was made from events last year.

In response to question 1 Alex Potts said that this figure was in the audited accounts under restricted funds (noted in these minutes that this figure is £172,077). In response to question 2 Alex Potts explained that this figure is demonstrated to balance the accounts as although £7000 comes from the membership, £14,000 comes from BYC.

## **Election of BYC Officers: Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer.**

Tom Le Feuvre introduced James Cathcart (BYC Chief Executive) as Returning Officer for elections.

James Cathcart introduced the election and how it would be run, including the following points:

- Each officer candidate has 3 minutes to make a speech
- After all the candidates for that position have given their hustings speech delegates can ask 1 rounds of 2 questions in 1 min.
- These are to be written down and handed to one of the BYC Staff who will be present on the floor to collect them
- The questions should be directed at the position rather than any individuals
- Explains how you vote using the 1,2, 3 system
- Candidate called RON – this stands for re open nominations and you have the right to vote for this candidate.
- Speeches made by Chair candidates
  - Liam Preston
  - RON

Questions collected from the floor and asked of candidates as described above.

- Speeches made by Vice-Chair (Campaigns & Communications) candidates
  - Jack Rowley

- RON

Questions collected from the floor and asked of candidates as described above.

- Speeches made by Vice-Chair (Participation & Development) candidates
  - Lara Nolan
  - Ciarán Norris – It was noted that Ciarán Norris was unable to attend this meeting. James Cathcart asked members if it was ok for him to read his speech for him. Members agreed.
  - RON

Questions collected from the floor and asked of candidates as described above.

The vote was collected.

### **Internal policy debate.**

#### Motion: Internal Motion 1 Governance Review.

James Slocombe, BYC Board member, spoke for the motion.

No-one spoke against the motion.

One minute summation waived

Vote and motion carried.

### **Policy debate.**

Motions were debated in order of prioritisation by delegates in earlier vote.

#### Motion: Greater Youth Participation in Charities and Voluntary Organisations.

GirlGuiding UK spoke in favour of the motion.

No-one spoke against the motion.

One minute summation waived.

Vote and motion carried.

#### Motion: Youth Unemployment.

UNISON spoke in favour of the motion.

No-one spoke against the motion.

One minute summation waived.

Vote and motion carried.

#### Motion: Valuing Volunteering.

The Scouts Association spoke in favour of the motion.

UNISON spoke for amendment 1 to the motion.

The Scouts Association spoke against amendment 1 to the motion.

UNISON gave a one minute summation for amendment 1 to the motion.

No-one gave a one minute summation against amendment 1 to the motion.

Vote on amendment meant amendment was not carried.

No-one spoke against the original motion.

One minute summation on the original motion waived.

Vote and motion carried.

Motion: Save our Services.

Kent County Youth Council spoke in favour of the motion.

A procedural motion was move by a BYC Board member to remove 'voluntary and professional' for the text.

UNISON spoke against the procedural motion.

Vote on the procedural motion resulted in a tie-vote. According to the BYC Rulebook this meant that the Chair of the ACM, i.e. Tom Le Feuvre, had the casting vote and the procedural motion was carried.

No-one spoke against the motion.

Kent County Youth Council gave a one minute summation for the motion.

Vote and motion carried.

Motion: A fairer higher education funding system.

NUS spoke in favour of the motion.

No-one spoke against the motion.

One minute summation waived.

Vote and motion carried.

Motion: 14-19 Education and the EMA.

NUS spoke in favour of the motion.

NFYF spoke against the motion.

One minute summation for the motion by NUS.

One minute summation against the motion by James Slocombe.

One minute summation in favour of the motion by Staffordshire Youth Action Kouncil.

GirlGuiding UK asked for a clarification on whether NUS were proposing students receive EMA from 14.

One minute summation for the motion by NUS.

Vote and motion carried.

Policy debate paused.

## **Election of BYC Officers results.**

### **BYC Chair.**

75 votes cast. Liam Preston elected with 65 votes. RON received 10 votes.

### **BYC Vice Chair (Campaigns and Communications).**

75 votes cast. Jack Rowley elected with 74 votes. RON received 1 vote.

### **BYC Vice Chair (Participation and Development).**

75 votes cast. Ciarán Norris elected with 42 votes.

Lara Nolan received 27 votes and RON 6 votes.

## **Policy debate resumed.**

Motion: Young Asylum Seekers – A rights based approach.

Woodcraft spoke in favour of the motion.

No-one spoke against the motion.

One minute summation waived.

Vote and motion carried.

Motion: Good relations with the nations.

NIYF spoke in favour of the motion.

No-one spoke against the motion.

One minute summation waived.

Vote and motion carried.

Motion: Bullying.

Staffordshire Youth Action Council spoke in favour of the motion.

No-one spoke against the motion.

One minute summation waived.

Vote and motion carried.

Motion: Unemployment 18-24

Liberal Youth spoke in favour of the motion.

No-one spoke against the motion.

One minute summation waived.

Vote and motion carried.

Motion: Listen to young people on electoral reform

Tim Coates, BYC Board, spoke in favour of the motion.

UNISON spoke in favour of amendment 1 to delete a paragraph of text.

Jack Rowley, BYC Board made a clarification that the position on fixed-term Parliaments was formed from BYC survey results.

Tim Coates, BYC Board, made a procedural motion to amend the amendment to delete the phrase 'We believe that the Prime Minister should not have the power to decide when the General Election should be. We believe that the UK Parliament should have a fixed term of five years'.

Speech from Liberal Youth against the procedural motion.

Vote and procedural motion carried.

No-one spoke against amendment 1 (as changed by the procedural motion).

One minute summation waived.

Vote and amendment carried.

No-one spoke against the motion.

One minute summation waived.

Vote and motion carried.

Motion: A youth rights and the International Year of the Volunteer.

Woodcraft Folk spoke in favour of the motion.

No-one spoke against the motion.

One minute summation waived.

Vote and motion carried.

Motion: Lack of affordable rural housing.

NFYF spoke in favour of the motion.

No-one spoke against the motion.

One minute summation waived.

Vote and motion carried.

Motion: A barcode for everyone.

Wolverhampton City Youth Council spoke in favour of the motion.  
No-one spoke against the motion.  
One minute summation waived.  
Vote and motion carried.

Motion: Access to positive activities.

Staffordshire Youth Action Council spoke in favour of the motion.  
No-one spoke against the motion.  
One minute summation waived.  
Vote and motion carried.

Motion: A feminist sex education.

NUS spoke in favour of the motion.  
Liberal Youth spoke against the motion.  
One minute summation in favour of the motion by NUS.  
BYC Board member moved a procedural motion to discuss the motion at the next BYC Board meeting.  
NUS spoke against procedural motion.  
Vote and procedural motion carried.  
Noted that policy motion to be discussed at next BYC Board meeting.

Motion: Transport.

Wolverhampton City Youth Council spoke in favour of the motion.  
Sheffield Youth Council spoke against the motion.  
One minute summation in favour by Kent County Youth Council.  
One minute summation against by GirlGuiding UK.  
One minute summation in favour by Wolverhampton City Youth Council.  
Vote and motion carried.

Tom Le Feuvre explained that there had only been time to debate 18 out of the 24 policy motions submitted to ACM. It was explained that the remaining policy motions would go forward to the Board Policy Response Group and then to the full Board in between ACM meetings.

## **Procedural Motion Debate**

Tom Le Feuvre informed council that there was one procedural motion submitted.

Procedural Motion: BYC Manifesto.

Alex Delaney, BYC Board, spoke in favour of the procedural motion.  
No-one spoke against the procedural motion.  
One minute summation waived.  
Vote and motion carried.

## **Board of Trustee Elections.**

5 Trustee positions for election.

James Cathcart introduced the election and reminded everyone that will we follow the same procedure as for the elections of the officer:

- Each candidate will have 2 minutes to make a speech
- After all the candidates for that position have given their hustings speech delegates can ask 1 round of 2 questions in 1 min.
- These are to be written down and handed to one of the BYC Staff who will be present on the floor to collect them
- The questions should be directed at the position rather than any individuals
- Same voting system as used before
- Candidate called RON – this stands for re open nominations and you have the right to vote for this candidate.

Speeches from the following candidates:

- Ian Adderley
- Luke Bocock
- Sean Cable
- Emma Corbet-Milward
- Dan Derricott
- Sam Hale
- Maherunesa Khandaker
- Ben Mallon
- Chris Neal [due to Chris Neal losing his voice he had a colleague relay his answers throughout this process].
- Peter Ptashko

Questions were then collected from the floor and put to all candidates.

James Cathcart then announced the vote. Key points being:

- Everyone was asked to hold the ballot papers in the air against their delegate voting card
- The ballot box was shown empty to the council floor and then sealed and locked Door stewards closed the doors and did not allow anyone in while the ballot papers are being collected.
- Candidates were reminded that they will be able to send an observer to the count.

James Cathcart then handed back the chair to Tom Le Feuvre

## **Prioritisation of campaigns for 2010/2011**

Tom Le Feuvre explained the background to the BYC Manifesto

A Carousel session allowed delegates to have 12 campaign champions (BYC trustees) to have three minutes at each table to put across their issue and answers any questions.

Delegates were then be given the chance to champion a cause of their choice in a one minute speech.

Votes were then collected.

## **Board of Trustee Election Results.**

The following were elected as BYC Trustees for a two-year term:

Ian Adderley

Sam Hale

Ben Mallon

Chris Neal

Dan Derricott was elected as a BYC Trustee for a one year term.

## **Closing session.**

Tom Le Feuvre welcomed everyone back and explained that members would now vote on the Honorary presidents for 2009/2010

## **Election of BYC Honorary presidents.**

Tom Le Feuvre asked Mark Flynn, BYC Board, to give a short introduction about the current Honorary Presidents - outlining their background and previous involvement with BYC.

Members voted Natascha Engel MP in as Honorary President.

Members voted Nigel Evans MP in as Honorary President.

Members voted Jo Swinson MP in as Honorary President.

Tom Le Feuvre thanked everyone for attending and handed over to Alex Delaney as the outgoing Chair of BYC to give her closing speech.

## **Closing speech by Alex Delaney, outgoing BYC Chair.**

## **Closing speech and thanks by Liam Preston, incoming BYC Chair.**

## **Annual Council Meeting 2009 ends.**