

# Emergency JCR Meeting

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## MEETING BEGINS

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*Mike introduces the issue, £5k goodwill money granted to us for Tredit.*

Lydia E: One option is to spend it on Tech. Otherwise we could help fund the local community or outreach project. Another idea is getting some sort of arcade machine in the undercroft, like an air hockey machine. We could have a hog roast on Trevstock, we could split between the JCR and MCR and then just spend it in our respective common rooms.

Daisie: Have you talked to tech about what they would buy?

Lydia E: Yes, we would get laser lights.

Sam Sandham: The fact that they are renting lights for American Idiot shows that they need them.

Daisie: We should not invest in an ongoing project as we may not have money to follow through.

Joe Troughton: The way I was told about this was that this was an extra bit of money so it seems like this should be spent on something separate to, for instance, special projects. This isn't generally being used enough anyway.

Daisie: I don't think that's fair because we're not allowed to hire anything we've bought in special projects. Making an investment in tech is there for different.

Stella: I think it's nice to spend stuff on tech but it would be nice to have something which can be used right now. A lot of the people who were affected are leaving. It's a lot of money we can split up and spend on more than one thing.

For things like the air hockey table and hog roast, how much would they cost?

Lydia E: You can get really cheap ones for £500 but they range up to £5k for really nice ones.

Trevstock isn't an exclusive event, you may have to figure out how to stop just anyone coming in.

Daisie: Has the university literally just shoved this money in our account?

Lydia E: I spoke to Owen Evans and he suggested "ooh what about an academic speaker?". I think he was getting at the fact we can't just put it all behind the bar but we can basically do what we like.

Joe Troughton: We could have Fat Hippo and Green Gorilla?

Lydia E: If we are planning to do anything to do with food then we can also use catering.

Alex: It seems sad to spend so much money on just a single event. Could we agree on spending a bit of money on Trevstock and then see how much we have left over?

Joe Troughton: Another alternative is that we used to have the mentor barbecue, we could get catering to run this again and this would obviously cost less.

Lily: It was so expensive when we looked into using catering for Trevs Day last year, it would actually be cheaper to use something else.

Lydia E: It is an issue getting an external company at short notice.

Ness: There are definitely companies that would be keen.

Stella: We stand a better chance at the moment because most of the college days have passed.

Frankie: I'm here tonight as TCBC.

Mike: The boat club.

Frankie: We would like to acknowledge that some of it go to people that are leaving. It shouldn't be a surprise to anyone who knows the gym that we would like to replace the ERG in the gym. One of them is currently broken and the other is in bad condition. This would benefit the whole of college, not just the boat club. Next Friday there is a rowing competition to open the new gym. Online you can get one for between £600 and £1000 and it would be here in time for the competition.

Daisie: There will be more money coming over the next year for the gym. At some point the ERG will be fixed. I don't think this is properly utilising the opportunity we have.

Mike: Why can't we spend that money now?

Daisie: Because the JCR financial year ends in July. It would be nice to have it for the challenge but it's not enough to justify.

Max: The current ERG that's broken, we're in the process of getting someone to come in and service it. It's just a bolt that's gone, it could cause a lot of internal damage if someone uses it.

Jack Sanderson: One of them is the bolt in the flywheel, if it has caused damage then a new one is needed. The other one has a broken seat. I've been here for three years and there has always been at least one of them broken. If there is money in the future we should make sure they can get fixed.

Mike: As a quick point of interest, is this not a special projects thing?

Joe Troughton: This definitely could go to special projects.

Mike: They closed recently and are meeting on Monday. Why wasn't it applied for?

Ben Eastwood: The thinking was they wouldn't think kindly over new gym equipment after the flooring.

Lydia E: I think college just want to put that to bed.

Sophie: The reason we didn't get new ERGs in the new gym build is because a professional from an ERG place serviced them and recommended against replacing.

Ben Eastwood: I've tried to borrow equipment from Hatfield but it's against their constitution to lend boat club equipment.

Lily: It's not an idea but it's a door for other ideas. The Upper JCR is something that everyone uses, is there anything we can put in there?

Lydia E: We have a lot of money left.

Mike: Jim has donated a TV stand

*general cheer*

Lydia E: We're going to have JCR art on the walls.

Lily: How much money do we have left?

Ben: It's in the realm of three to four thousand.

Mel: When there's good weather people are keen to go outside and play volleyball etc. but they're not very accessible in various trunks or the JCR office. I noticed in Freshers Week that when all the kit was in a box in the undercroft people used it a lot more.

Stella: At some point there was talk about maybe having a metal box/crate/cage attached to the outside of the tennis court.

Daisie: That exists.

Someone said that we need a new piano, could a portion go to that?

James: Don't you have four pianos?

Nat: There are two in this room right now.

Sam Leather: Laundry is going up to £3.50. I propose we make a JCR laundrette.

Lily: Is there anything stopping us?

Sam: But if we have a word with Jim...

Tom Grant: About a year ago, the Buttery purchased a popcorn and candy floss machine. This is really popular for lots of events. We've now started renting it out to other colleges and so it is a source of income. Slushie machines are £1.5k, we could get a Mr. Whippy a waffle iron? It's something that everyone can enjoy and it's also an investment.

Eilidh: Slushie machines were discussed in the FinComm meeting this week. The trouble is it's a lot of faff, they're not portable, they're expensive to run and they're hard to clean. I also don't think we would sell many in the Buttery. An ice cream machine may get more use but storage is an issue.

Daisie: Yes storage is an issue. The reason we didn't get a chocolate fountain and got candy floss and popcorn instead is because an external company runs it and keeps it clean for cheaper.

Might we get more money from hiring tech?

Lydia E: If storage is such an issue, why don't we get a shed?

Stella: Or a shipping container, it rains a lot...

Lily: Aren't there extra issues a shed would bring?

Mike: There may be an insurance issue.

Sam Leather: On talk of storage, I think someone mentioned getting another garage to college. My reaction was that the garage we have is just used really inefficiently.

Sam Sandham: I do think we should remember what this money is supposed to be used for.

Mike: I don't know if college would think that would look good in the brochure.

Stella: I just want to throw this out there, why don't we get a pet? I just miss Bilbo.

Daisie: We stopped doing the puppy room because Janice was really annoyed about it.

Sam Leather: A JCR car would be useful.

Xander: Or a JCR/MCR parking space.

Aman: Can I up it to a minibus or a van?

James: There's a great difficulty in funding petrol.

Fish: The reason I was late is because I had to ship Lydia and the butterfly people to Hild Bede.

Daisie: The reason that the DSU minibus has all these rules is probably because the university insist on it.

Joe Troughton: There is a mileage form to reimburse drivers.

Tom Grant: Team Durham has cars that anyone can use.

Aman: The reason you can't use the DSU minibus is because they run the night bus.

Lydia E: I just don't know how sustainable this would be. We would want a good one and we don't know how insurance would work.

Mike: If the JCR pay for mileage, why wouldn't they pay for the car's petrol because that's mileage?

Daisie: The question is if we had a car would we have to have a budget? What if it broke and we had to fix it?

Jack Sanderson: The car misses the point, it's supposed to benefit everyone. This is excluding most people.

Abi: This is an investment that you just can't see the future of. You're gonna have to spend the whole £5k in the long run and then more.

Stella: When did it end up being the exec car?

Lydia E: It should be for the JCR/MCR. The problem is if someone has a crash, that looks so bad on us.

Daisie: If we're talking about making a sensible investment, a car depreciates rapidly.

Ness: If it's to benefit the people who were affected, how about stash or pens, a book.

Darcy: Having stash would be really cool. "I survived trexit

Stella: To clarify, when you're talking about something tangible for the people who were affected or across the whole of college?

Lydia E: That's why we want to use it across common rooms. It should help everyone.

Xander: Stash can come before the end of term and with £5k we can get around 2500 T-Shirts.

Joe Troughton: Do we want to do something to benefit everyone who is here now or do we want to make an investment?

Daisie: People seem to be in favour of the idea of having something at Trevstock. Could we decide this first?

Mike: Do we spend as much as we can or do we set a budget?

Joe Troughton: How many people usually come to Trevstock?

Ness: We can always do what we did for Summer Ball and pay for a set amount and then pay for any more afterwards.

Mike: So how much should be spent on Trevstock and what on?

Daisie: We could just decide we want food and how much we want to spend and let the exec decide.

Nat: How much would it cost to hire a ride?

Ness: It depends which ride, you couldn't fit it on the quad. They range from £350-800.

Mike: That needs good weather.

Stella: If we're getting food, will that be subsidised or will that be free?

Mike: Should be free.

Daisie: We could agree we want to spend £1.5k on Trevstock and then let the exec decide without having a big discussion.

Mike: Lydia doesn't want to decide this alone.

Lydia E: We can allow the food budget to go over like Summer Ball.

David Dodelson: This is contrary to what Daisie just said but a good ent would be a slip and slide, even if it's raining you can still do it.

Joe Troughton: We tried that before, college don't like it.

Tom Grant: Spitting Pig North East rent a hog roast for 100 people for as little as £250.

Joe Troughton: Fully catered is generally around £5 a head.

Tom Grant: So roughly a grand.

James Lowrey: I haven't done this for very long but I don't know whether we could get a very good thing 5 days in advance?

Ness: Could we get Krispy Kreme? They do bulk.

Lydia E: Let's see how much we can get.

Mike: How much should we spend on Trevstock?

Dodelson: £1500 ± £500.

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**VOTE IN FAVOUR OF SPENDING ~£1500 ON TREVSTOCK FOOD/EVENTS**

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£1500 ± £500 to be spent on free food and/or events for Trevstock.

Details to be decided by the treasurers and social chairs of each common room.

Mike: What about the rest of the money?

Sam Leather: Just give it to FinComm.

David Dodelson: What about JCR bikes?

Lydia E: Butler have this.

David Dodelson: I'm sure we could work out a system of accountability.

Joe Troughton: Can we wait until the MCR meeting and discuss what to spend our portion on?

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**VOTE IN FAVOUR OF SPLITTING THE REMAINDER PROPORTIONALLY BETWEEN JCR/MCR**

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James Bremner: This money will actually be left up to the community then?

Mike: Yes it would go through the relevant committees.

Lydia E: Or it would go to an online vote.

Xander: Have we decided on an investment rather than something beneficial to everyone now?

Joe Troughton: If the MCR decide to take their share then it would be to do something over the summer.

Mel: To give the most benefit to the people who were affected were there not other ideas that could be used now?

Tom Grant: We can put that issue to bed and spend some proper time considering how to spend the rest of the money.

Daisie: Go and speak to the relevant tier 1s and 2s if you have ideas for these thing.

Lily: Can we have an online suggestion box for ideas?

Mike: Use the feedback system.

Xander: At the bottom of the website.

Tom Grant: It would be a really cool thing for the Freshers Week meeting to actually have someone come along with a good idea of what to spend.

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## VOTING RESULTS

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Spending ~£1500 on trevstock food/events - **Passed**

Splitting the remainder proportionally between JCR/MCR - **Passed**