

CN: Spiking discussed in News and Updates - Womens and NB Forum and Issues Raised - Spiking Concerns and the Boycott

## **ST CATHARINE'S COLLEGE JCR**

### **JCR Meeting Minutes**

**Date and Time:** Saturday 23rd October at 5pm in The Bar

**Present:** President (RC), VP (SS), Treasurer (KP), BAME (SO), Communications (DL), Disabilities (AA), Environment and Ethical (AD), Fresher Rep (EG), Welfare (AM & AB), Academic (CD), Access (ES), Charities (NW), Catering (JD & HP), Ents (AW & VM), International (JK), LGBT+ (IW), Sports and Societies (RM), Women's and NB (GS)

**Apologies for Absence:** Environment and Ethical (AO), Fresher Rep (DT), LGBT+ (MT)

**Absence without Apologies:** Accommodation (LM), International (AT)

#### **Nightclub Safety Appeal Motion**

- Read the motion here: [☰ Appeal \(nightclub safety\)](#)
- The JCR voted unanimously in favour of the motion

#### **Matters arising from the minutes of last meeting**

##### Halfway Hall Update

- The Master has now agreed to fully fund the Halfway Hall for all 3rd years using the Master's Fund.
- The option to book is now already on UPay and Halfway Hall will be taking place on the 1st and 2nd November, with the deadline to book being the 28th October.
- Despite mentioning in the prior minutes that the JCR Committee formal will only be fully funded if the Halfway Hall goes ahead as free, the JCR committee has respectfully rejected the Master's offer to fully fund it so as not to overly burden the Master's Fund.

##### Stash Issues and Updates

- The new stash company, Redbird, made an error in delivering all ordered stash without allocating names to the orders. RC (President) has managed to resolve the issue on the whole and most people who ordered should have their stash in their pidges.
- A few individuals however have not received their stash orders due to courier issues, and as a result these people will receive a full refund.
- As a sign of goodwill for making this mistake, Redbird will be donating 10% of all proceeds made from the orders they received from Catz back to the College.

## **News and Updates**

### Women and NB Forum with SU (21/10)

- The SU plans to encourage and advertise events only at establishments that do hold the standards of the letter. If the venues do not actively adhere to what the demands are, then CamSU will stop supporting them.
- There was a vote in favour of sending the nightclub appeal to all of the JCR's, the appeal can be found at the top of the minutes, which will be reassessed in a month to see if the changes have been implemented.

### Governing Body Meeting (22/10)

- There was an update on the Central Spaces project and the building works going forward
- Those students who were not able to move into their rooms at the beginning of term were given another room.

### Charities Update

- The Great Oxbridge BOGOF has begun - Buy One Give One Free. This is a charity scheme whereby there is a competition between the two universities as to who can donate the most food to local food banks. There is a box in the Pidge Room where you can donate any unopened and unexpired food.
- The Charities fund itself needs to be donated in the next couple of weeks so NW (Charities) will be taking suggestions/making a decision on where the money will be donated. There are certain restrictions in place because the College is also a charity.

### Boycott Barclays

- For details on the Boycott Barclays scheme check the last minutes
- There have been limited sign ups from Colleges despite there being Cambridge wide interest; relatively few colleges have signed up because of the logistical challenge of the short turnaround required for the divestment.
- CamSU are fully in support of the boycott and will be ensuring JCR's, MCR's and College's interested in it will be able to support it in an alternative way.
- Catz will still be leaving on the 29th as previously planned and hopefully will act as motivation for other colleges to show it is possible to completely divest from Barclays.

### LGBTQ+ Night

- IW (LGBT+) is working with the MCR to have an LGBT+ night to be held on the 17th November with the possibility of having a drag performance.

### Welfaries

- Welfare arranged Welfaries are open again. If you wish to send someone a small gift, you can fill out the following form: <https://forms.gle/K6pSSZhhbJGW1qGK8>
- AB (Welfare) aims to send them out within a week, a great gift to give to someone especially with the non-covid colds going round!

### **Issues Raised**

#### Spiking Concerns and the Boycott

- On Wednesday 27th October there is a Cambridge wide club boycott in relation to the increase in both drink spiking and injecting. The clubs themselves will be open but Catz will not be selling tickets.
- In the Catz Bar there is signposting on how to stay safe on a night out but EG (Freshers Rep) is to follow up on what more the College is prepared to do.
- Cling Film is available on request from behind the bar if anyone requires some for free.
- Welfare have ordered some reusable drink covers and spike tests that aim to become available next week, details to follow.
- EG (Freshers Rep) will be talking to the Bar Staff about introducing reusable cups for The Bar and AW (Ents) will be finding out whether the measures that clubs are taking to prevent drink spiking will be implemented every day or just on student nights.

- College to be contacted to put out communication about the sanctions if someone from Catz is identified as being responsible for spiking either at Catz or anywhere else, since it is legally a crime.

### Stop Cambridge Killer Robots Motion

- Find the motion here: -  
[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ZZHqelTK3eCYA8kXhSm21qy4pjpBqMBG/edit?fbclid=IwAR09WSsAfWLObETvTXkbc\\_OQILWwlsyw7ysIPRSYq36xpKXob28JR06g65l](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ZZHqelTK3eCYA8kXhSm21qy4pjpBqMBG/edit?fbclid=IwAR09WSsAfWLObETvTXkbc_OQILWwlsyw7ysIPRSYq36xpKXob28JR06g65l)
- There will be a panel discussion on this on the 26th and it is a divestment campaign highlighting the extent of money that goes into researching and funding autonomous weapons and warfare since there is a lot of student recruitment in this field.
- The JCR voted unanimously in support of this motion.

### Buying the MedSoc Ball's Arcade Machine for the Bar

- The Pacman arcade machine from the MedSoc ball is going to be sold to the JCR for £75 and will be put in the Bar.

### How to incentivise people to use the bar

- The Playstations in the JCR are to be moved to the Bar as the JCR is not to be opened until the end of the next academic year (Easter/Michaelmas 2023)
- Ideas to encourage greater usage of The Bar include making the pool table functionable (it currently accepts the 50p per turn but doesn't allow the user to play properly)
- Another idea that was discussed by College pre-pandemic is redecorating or redesigning The Bar to make it more aesthetically appealing for students. The JCR encourages the use of a potential design group or welfare run competition to think of ideas to reintroduce this for the College to implement.
- As discussed in the last minutes, food will gradually be reintroduced to The Bar as there are currently delays due to Natasha's Law. There potentially could be better and a wider variety of food introduced to The Bar to encourage students to come down, including potentially a pre order food pick up system.
- Another current issue identified is not knowing what The Bar is serving, so there could be a sign put up outside the entrance highlighting the available food on offer each day.

### New Covid Rules/Recommendations - Cancelled Formals and LFT Usage Clarification

- Formal Halls have become cancelled on Sundays with details in an email sent out by Catering on 19th October.
- There is a flowchart that has been made by the MCR which you can find at the bottom of the minutes, that explains the rules on LFT's.
- UK covid cases are increasingly rapidly again with some cases within Catz too and the JCR should be aware this may cause bops and in person events to have more restrictions.

### Anonymous Form and JCR Tracker Clarifications

- JCR Officers have been informed of where to find the anonymous form and trackers so they can be updated regularly by the relevant officers.
- We would also like for students to be more aware of some of the language they use when addressing concerns as we try our best to resolve them.

### Name the Catz Beer!

- Suggestions for Catz Beer are welcome via the anonymous form which can be found at the bottom of these minutes.
- Current suggestions include Brew Catz, Wheel Ale (Although it's not Ale), Heinecatz or Catzberg.

### **Issues Not Raised**

- Coffee machine for the JCR - we don't currently have access to the JCR so this is something for us to discuss when we prepare to reopen it along with other improvements we have in mind such as Sky
- More environmentally friendly dining items in the Catzebo - you can bring your own glasses and containers and cutlery if you like! Catering is looking to change the takeaway containers into home compostable products but there is a delay with implementation with the supply chain issue.
- Water machine in the library - there is a contactless machine in the library
- Dirty windows - the public-facing windows on Trumpington Street and at Chad's should have been cleaned recently with other areas to follow. If you feel your window is particularly bad, email [housekeeper@caths.cam.uk](mailto:housekeeper@caths.cam.uk)
- Flies at Chad's - unfortunately, there isn't a lot that can be done. You can put in a maintenance request and if there is a concentration of flies then they can spray

them. Otherwise, keep kitchens clean, don't keep food out on the counters, and close windows.

- BAME families - the Catz BAME sibling scheme is not an official scheme and the deadline for signups has passed. However, if you would still like to get involved then contact SO (BAME) directly ([jcr.bme@caths.cam.ac.uk](mailto:jcr.bme@caths.cam.ac.uk))
- If your issue has not been raised here, please see the JCR Tracker ([https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1is7NLM-Xm77Lf0liRrO1ARRdY\\_tGb\\_MMC98XhzFxx0/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1is7NLM-Xm77Lf0liRrO1ARRdY_tGb_MMC98XhzFxx0/edit?usp=sharing))

## **Any Other Business**

### Applications for JCR President are Open

- Fill out the following form if you are interested in running for President and contact RC (President) if you would like to know more about the role.

### JCR Officer's Private Social Media

- JCR officers are entitled to post whatever they wish to on their private social media and the committee only has the capacity to question JCR related activity that does not represent the undergraduate population.

### Upcoming Careers Society Event - How to land your first job

- The first of two this term will be happening in November with over 10 panellists from different career backgrounds. RC (President) will be emailing soon with all the details and it has to be virtual due to work commitments.

### Trunk Room Storage

- AD (Environmental and Ethical) to find out about what will be happening to trunk room stuff that is not collected after the 25th.

### EDI Review

- The EDI (Equality, Diversity and Inclusion) group has an upcoming meeting. There is a document outlining the questions about their activity that have been asked including ideas of things to start considering in meetings.

## Academic Meeting

- The Shakeshaft Library is running low on capacity again and there is a hybrid room in Rushmore that isn't currently used as much as it could be, so College will be converting these rooms into additional study space.

If you have any suggestions or feedback you'd like to give the JCR, please get in touch by emailing [SS](#) or using the [anonymous messaging platform](#).

*DL, 2021-2022 JCR Comms Officer*

## Flow Chart on Rules about LFT's

