



# University of St Andrews Students' Association Students' Representative Council

## MINUTES

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2014 – School II, 7pm

### Present

Member's Name	Position	Present	Absent
Charlotte Potter	Arts/Divinity Senate Representative	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Joseph Tantillo	Association Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Zara Evans	Association Community Relations Officer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Leon O'Rourke	Association Director of Events and Services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ondrej Hajda	Association Director of Representation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fay Morrice	Association Director of Student Development & Activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Madeline Belt	Association Environment & Ethics Officer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fallon Sheffield	Association LGBT Officer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Iain Cupples	Education Researcher	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sarah Thompson	President of the Athletic Union	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bryony Shepherd	Principal Ambassador	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Katy Rae	Science/Medicine Faculty President	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sarah Gimont	SRC Accommodation Officer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Darya Smirnova	SRC Education Officer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lydia Bowden	SRC Employability Officer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Roddy McGlynn	SRC Equal Opportunities Officer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Walt Andrews	SRC External Campaigns Officer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jo Boon	SRC Member for First Years	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Annie Newman	SRC Member for Gender Equality	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Omar Ali	SRC Member for International Students	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mel Turner	SRC Member for Mature Students	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Alasdair MacIannan	SRC Member for Students with Disabilities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sium Ghebru	SRC Member for Racial Equality	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Verity Baynton	SRC Member for Private Accommodation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alexandre Ciric	SRC Member for University Accommodation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nicola Kennedy	SRC Member for Widening Access and Participation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tania Struetzel	SRC Postgraduate Convenor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
David Norris	SRC Wellbeing Officer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### In Attendance

Michael Telfer	Minutes Secretary
J Cassidy	The Saint

## **1. Adoption of the Agenda**

Mr Tantillo moved that the order of the day be suspended, to take emergency motion R. 14-9 as item 9.2. followed by motion J. 14-12 as item 9.3.

The agenda was amended without dissent.

The agenda was adopted, as amended, without dissent.

## **2. Apologies for Absence**

<b>Member's Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Reason</b>
Jo Boon	SRC Member for First Years	Unwell
Fay Morrice	Association Director of Student Development & Activities	
Mel Turner	SRC Member for Mature Students	

The apologies were accepted without dissent.

## **3. Adoption of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting of the Students' Representative Council held on the 7<sup>th</sup> October 2014 had not been circulated.

Mr Tantillo stated that the minutes would be circulated in the near future.

## **4. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

There were no matters arising from the previous meeting.

## **5. Open Forum**

There was no business in the open forum.

## **6. Reports of the Sabbatical Officers**

### **6.1. Report of the Association President**

Mr Mathewson reported that the employability advisor programme had been approved, with a pilot to start the following semester, followed by roll out to the entire University for the start of the following academic year, meaning that all students would have an employability advisor for the entire time they were at St Andrews.

Mr Mathewson reported that he was waiting on the full report for Raisin but that he understood it had been average, with no major incidents.

Mr Mathewson reported that Rectorial Debates would be in the US-President-Debate style, with questions being sourced from the student body as well as coming from the elections committee

## **6.2. Report of the Association Director of Services**

Mr O'Rourke reported that FALL would be taking place on the coming Saturday and encouraged all members to attend.

Mr O'Rourke reported that everything else was going fine, and he was trying to organise events for Hallowe'en, including involving halls in an event.

## **6.3. Report of the Association Director of Student Development & Activities**

There was no report from the Association Director of Student Development and Activities.

## **6.4. Report of the Association Director of Representation**

Mr Hajda reported that Raisin Weekend had gone relatively well. Mr Hajda reported that the University were quite pleased with the weekend, though the police were not so pleased. Mr Hajda stated that the library had been especially unhappy with Raisin Sunday, and were now planning to close on the following Raisin Sunday as a consequence. Mr Hajda stated that they were trying to ensure that did not happen.

Mr Hajda reported that there had been more class rep training, including training employability reps, library reps, and others.

Mr Hajda reported that Rectorial nominations would open on Monday and remain open until the Wednesday. Mr Hajda encouraged all members to participate, and also to encourage any other students they knew to participate in the election. Mr Hajda asked that members help to share the information about the election. Mr Hajda stated that the Rectorial debate would take place on the Monday of Week 8 in the Byre, with a hustings on the Tuesday. Mr Hajda stated that the hustings would coincide with the SRC meeting, as currently scheduled, so they were looking at finding an alternative.

Ms Kennedy-O'Brien asked when the voting would be open.

Mr Hajda answered that voting would be from Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of Week 8.

Mr Hajda stated that members of the councils were not permitted to use their position, or any of its assets such as Facebook groups, to promote one Rectorial candidate, though they could use them to promote the election generally. Mr Hajda stated that members were allowed to promote candidates in an individual capacity.

Mr Hajda stated that minutes of subcommittee meetings should be produced, and emailed to [sachair@st-andrews.ac.uk](mailto:sachair@st-andrews.ac.uk) and [cf5@st-andrews.ac.uk](mailto:cf5@st-andrews.ac.uk).

## **7. Reports of Officers**

### **7.1. Report of the Arts/Divinity Faculty President**

Ms Potter reported that she had met with the Admissions Manager to discuss the role of Faculty Presidents and where they could be involved in helping students before they arrived in St Andrews.

Ms Potter stated that one of the biggest things students worried about was advising and module choices.

Ms Potter reported that she was in the early stages of organising a 'Women in Academia' conference, which she was organising with the help of a member of the History Department. Ms Potter stated that it would be a day-long conference with women representing all sides of academia. Ms Potter stated that she would update members closer to the time.

Ms Rae reported that she was a part of the Early Module Information working group, which had come up with some recommendations. Ms Rae stated that the recommendations included handbooks all being available online, and in consistent places, the use of online reading lists, and a formal honours talk in all schools.

### **7.2. Report of the Association Community Relations Officer**

Ms Evans reported that she had spent her past few weeks on the Bike Information Campaign, which now had a website available online, and on which the Design Team were currently working on posters and other materials. Ms Evans stated that, in relation to the campaign, a motion was being laid before the members that evening.

Ms Evans reported that she would be meeting with the Police Liaison and Discipline Officer to discuss Raison Weekend, Noise complaints, and Bike Lights.

### **7.3. Report of the Association Environment & Ethics Officer**

Ms Belt stated that she had nothing to report.

### **7.4. Report of the Association LGBT Officer**

Ms Sheffield reported that their biggest event thus far was happening the following day, with doors opening at 1830 and the event beginning at 1900. Ms Sheffield stated that a number of very good speakers would be there.

Ms Sheffield reported that she was working with the Union to have a Hallowe'en event in Sandy's Bar.

Ms Sheffield reported that she was looking to hold a lot of joint events, to raise visibility of the group, and that anyone interested in collaborating on such events should contact her by email.

Ms Sheffield reported that their website had been updated and could be viewed at [www.saintslgbt.co.uk](http://www.saintslgbt.co.uk).

### **7.5. Report of the Athletic Union President**

Ms Thompson reported that there were over 5,000 students involved with sports at the University.

Ms Thompson reported that the new weekly newsletter, which included all of the results from different matches, was getting a lot of good feedback.

Ms Thompson reported that the first Club Captains' Forum had been held the previous week, where lots of issues had been raised and discussed.

Ms Thompson reported that a review had been launched in to the AU's kit supplier.

#### **7.6. Report of the Science/Medicine Faculty President**

Ms Rae delivered her report, jointly, with Ms Potter.

#### **7.7. Report of the SRC Accommodation Officer**

Ms Gimont reported that she was in the early stages of creating a website with all of their information about letting agents. Ms Gimont stated that she may contact members for information on their experience.

#### **7.8. Report of the SRC Education Officer**

Ms Smirnova stated that she had nothing to report.

#### **7.9. Report of the SRC Equal Opportunities Officer**

Mr McGlynn reported that he had been in touch with School Presidents about, where possible, making toilets in buildings gender neutral. Mr McGlynn stated that such changes would mean the more efficient use of toilet spaces as well as making it possible for all students to feel comfortable in their choice of bathrooms.

#### **7.10. Report of the SRC Employability Officer**

Ms Bowden reported that she had met with someone from the Career's Centre to discuss an event for Students with Disabilities, and they were keen to be involved. Ms Bowden stated that they wanted to help with the logistics of organising speakers and for the SRC to push the information to the student body.

#### **7.11. Report of the SRC External Campaigns Officer**

There was no report from the SRC External Campaigns Officer.

#### **7.12. Report of the SRC Member for First Year**

There was no report from the SRC Member for First Year.

#### **7.13. Report of the SRC Member for Gender Equality**

Ms Newman reported that she was helping Ms Potter organise the *Women in Academia* conference.

#### **7.14. Report of the SRC Member for International Students**

Mr Ali stated that he had nothing to report.

#### **7.15. Report of the SRC Member for Mature Students**

Mr Hajda reported that Ms Turner had postponed holding an event until the following semester.

Mr Hajda reported that Ms Turner had asked if it might be possible to have Council Meetings at 1800 rather than 1900 in semester 2, as it would make it easier for commuting students to attend all meetings.

Mr O'Rourke stated that 1800 would not be possible as STAR held their committee meeting then and so Mr McDonald, at the least, would not be able to attend.

Mr Hajda stated that since the change would take place in semester 2, and they would have access to the building then, it should be possible for those meetings to be rearranged.

#### **7.16. Report of the SRC Member for Private Accommodation**

Ms Baynton reported that she was looking to establish an externally-funded bursary.

Ms Baynton reported that the 18<sup>th</sup> of November had been set as the date for the flatmate-speed-dating event.

Ms Potter asked if a second event of that type would take place in semester 2.

Ms Baynton answered that it probably would, around February.

#### **7.17. Report of the SRC Member for Racial Equality**

Mr Ghebru reported that Black History Month was still ongoing, with several events having gone well. Mr Ghebru stated that the dance event had, unfortunately, had to be cancelled due to poor demand. Mr Ghebru thanked Mr Hajda and Mr O'Rourke for their help.

Mr Ghebru reported that there would be a speaker coming to discuss the Black-Power Movement in the 1970s. Mr Ghebru stated that the event would be free and take place in the Medical Sciences Building.

#### **7.18. Report of the SRC Member for Students with Disabilities**

Mr MacLennan reported that he was going to meet with the Career's Centre to try and establish some details for the employability event for students with disabilities. Mr MacLennan stated that the event would hopefully take place in semester 1 but could take place in semester 2 depending on the speakers.

#### **7.19. Report of the SRC Member for University Accommodation**

Mr Ciric reported that the senior student's forum had taken place on Thursday, and had been well attended. Mr Ciric stated that they had discussed the possible use of hall spaces for societies and that he had used the forum to promote the "That's Union" campaign. Mr Ciric stated that they were interested in being involved in the Halloween event that Mr O'Rourke had mentioned but that another forum was being held in Macintosh Hall, at 2pm, on Sunday, which Mr O'Rourke would be attending to answer their questions and concerns. Mr Ciric stated that it had become difficult to communicate with the Senior Students as their group had disappeared.

Mr Ciric reported that the Accommodation Team would be going to halls to discuss the logistics of applying for accommodation the following year.

Mr Mathewson stated that Mr Ciric was not the only one to have encountered difficulties with Facebook Groups disappearing, as he had been contact by 6 or 7 other groups with similar issues. Mr Mathewson stated that he would look in to it.

#### **7.20. Report of the SRC Member for Widening Access & Participation**

Ms Kennedy stated that she had nothing to report.

#### **7.21. Report of the SRC Postgraduate Convenor**

Ms Struetzel reported that she and Mr Hajda had trained the Postgraduate Representatives, with the final trainings to take place the following week.

Ms Struetzel reported that Postgraduate Social were taking place every Thursday in Sandy's and encouraged members to attend to discuss the union.

Ms Struetzel reported that amendments to their constitution had been passed by the committee and been sent to Councils to be considered.

Ms Struetzel reported that she was working on the Rectorial elections and would be outside the library the following day, between 1100 and 1400, getting people to answer questions about their ideal rector.

#### **7.22. Report of the SRC Wellbeing Officer.**

Mr Norris reported that SHAG week had been fantastic, with some events, however, being better attended than others. Mr Norris stated that Kink101 was oversubscribed and some people had been turned away. Mr Norris stated that all of their sex toys had been stolen after the events.

Mr Norris reported that the Raisin Booth had been busy, and students had seemed aware of their campaign. Mr Norris stated that, in the future they should look in to having it be in operation longer.

Mr Norris reported that Mr Hajda had taken charge of the wellbeing campaign that was to surround exams.

Mr Norris reported that the healthy living campaign would focus on reducing alcohol consumption, stopping smoking, and eating healthily.

#### **7.23. Any Other Competent Reports**

There were no other competent reports.

#### **8. Unfinished General Business**

There was no unfinished business.

#### **9. New General SRC Business**

### **9.1. J. 14-13 A Motion to Amend the Postgraduate Society Constitution**

#### **THIS SRC AND SSC NOTE:**

1. The Postgraduate Society is a vital component to the University of St Andrews' postgraduate community,
2. The Postgraduate Society is led by the Postgraduate Society Committee,
3. The Postgraduate Society is a vital component for the postgraduate community over the summer months.
4. The Postgraduate Society Committee approved changes in the Postgraduate Society Constitution at their meeting on 17 October 2014.

#### **THIS SRC AND SSC BELIEVE:**

1. To further improve the Postgraduate Society's ability to represent, entertain, and advocate for postgraduate student concerns, the Postgraduate Society may update its previous Constitution to better articulate its role within the postgraduate community and within the Students' Association.

#### **THIS SRC AND SSC RESOLVE:**

To report amendments to effect the following changes to the Laws to SAB with the recommendation that the same do pass:

1. The Postgraduate Society Committee's previous Constitution be struck entirely, and replaced with the attached text.



# **Constitution of the Postgraduate Society of the University of St Andrews**

## **Aims**

We, the postgraduate students of the University of St Andrews, in order to create the 'home society' for postgraduates in St Andrews to host events, advocate for academic concerns, and foster a postgraduate community, establish this constitution of the Postgraduate Society Committee of the University of St Andrews.

## **Remit**

The Postgraduate Society shall hold several events during the year for the recreational benefit of the postgraduates of St Andrews. One of these will be an annual ball, usually held during the Summer Vacation.

The Postgraduate Society shall be competent to make loans or grants to individuals or bodies endeavouring to provide entertainment to the postgraduate community.

The Committee shall take special responsibility, via the Postgraduate Society President and the Postgraduate Convenor, for ensuring that SSC and SRC take sufficient account of the needs and wishes of postgraduate students during vacation periods.

## **Article I – Name**

The organisation shall be known as the Postgraduate Society of the University of St Andrews.

## **Article II – Members**

### *Section 1:*

The membership of the Postgraduate Society Committee shall consist of postgraduate students elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) to be held no later than two weeks after formal teaching has ended in Semester 2.

### *Section 2:*

The duties and responsibilities of the Committee are:

- a. To act as the official voice and to promote the interests of postgraduate students;

- b. To consider any proposal or request that a postgraduate student or group may present in the best interest of the postgraduate community;
- c. To uphold and defend the Constitution of the Postgraduate Society Committee.

### *Section 3: Resignation*

A Committee member may resign if he or she finds that they are no longer able to fulfil the requirements of membership. Resignation will take effect immediately upon announcement. Discussion and questions regarding resignation may be dealt with in confidence via communication with the Postgraduate Society President.

### *Section 4: Quorum*

The quorum shall be three-fifths of the voting membership of the committee.

### *Section 5: Membership*

All matriculated postgraduate students of the University of St Andrews, save those who have exercised their right under the Education Act of 1994 to cease to be members of the Students' Association, shall be deemed to be ordinary members of the society. All Sabbatical Officers shall also be deemed to be ordinary members of the society.

### *Section 6: Extraordinary Membership*

The committee may award extraordinary membership of the Society to such individuals as it deems fit.

### *Section 7: Annual General Meeting*

- a. Procedure- The AGM shall:
  - i. Require 14 days' notice;
  - ii. Be publicised widely in such places and by such methods as the committee shall determine from time to time;
  - iii. Be open to all members of the Society, although only ordinary members shall be eligible to vote, propose, second, or stand for elections.
- b. Business- The order of business shall be:
  - i. Report of the Postgraduate Society President;
  - ii. Report of the Postgraduate Convenor;
  - iii. Report of the Postgraduate Treasurer;
  - iv. Election of the Postgraduate Society Treasurer;
  - v. Election of the Postgraduate Society Publicity/Marketing Officer;
  - vi. AOCB.

- c. Elections- No one shall hold more than one position on the Committee at any one time. Elections shall be conducted by a secret ballot using the STV system. Candidates who are unable to attend the meeting in person may submit a statement to the Postgraduate Society President prior to the AGM that is accepted as proxy-nomination.

#### *Section 8: Extraordinary General Meeting*

- a. Procedure- The EGM shall be held during Semester One no later than Week 4, and shall:
  - i. Require 14 days' notice;
  - ii. Be publicised widely in such places and by such methods as the committee shall determine from time to time;
  - iii. Be open to all members of the Society, although only ordinary members shall be eligible to vote, propose, second, or stand for elections.
- b. Business- The order of business shall be:
  - i. Report of the Postgraduate Society President;
  - ii. Report of the Postgraduate Convenor;
  - iii. Report of the Postgraduate Society Treasurer;
  - iv. Elections of all non-Association voting posts except for the Postgraduate Society Treasurer and Publicity/Marketing Officer;
  - v. AOCB.
- c. Elections- No one shall hold more than one position on the Committee at any one time. Elections shall be conducted by a secret ballot using the STV system. Candidates who are unable to attend the meeting in person may submit a statement to the Postgraduate Society President prior to the AGM that is accepted as proxy-nomination.

### **Article III – The Postgraduate Society Committee**

#### *Section 1:*

The Postgraduate Society Committee shall adopt a structure to lead the Postgraduate Society.

1. SSC Postgraduate Society President
2. SRC Postgraduate Convenor
3. Treasurer
4. Ball Convener
5. Event Convener
6. Publicity/Marketing Officer
7. Secretary
8. Association Director of Student Development & Activities
9. Association Director of Representation.

#### *Section 2:*

The Postgraduate Society President shall, in addition to those responsibilities set out in Chapter Three Section 5.8. of the Students' Association Laws:

- a. Represent postgraduate students' interests to the SSC,
- b. Provide leadership to the Postgraduate Society,
- c. Convene and chair the Committee meetings,
- d. Be responsible for all external Committee correspondence,
- e. Sit on the Student Services Council,
- f. Serve as the liaison with postgraduate officers in other societies and subcommittees of the Students' Association,
- g. Write "The Sunday Postgraduate" in consultation with the SRC Postgraduate Convenor and
- h. Perform any additional duties as needed.

*Section 3:*

The SRC Postgraduate Convenor shall:

- a. Represent postgraduate students' interests to the SRC and the University,
- b. Convene and chair the Postgraduate Executive Forum consisting of all Postgraduate Executive Reps at least three times per year,
- c. Serve as the Postgraduate Senate Representative on Academic Council, and Sit on the Students' Representative Council.
- d. Perform any additional duties as laid out in Chapter 2 Section 6.2 of the Students' Association Laws.

*Section 4:*

The Treasurer shall:

- a. Serve as the liaison with accounting in the Students' Association;
- b. Oversee the reimbursement process; and
- c. Perform any additional duties as needed.

*Section 5:*

The Ball Convener shall:

- a. Serve as the liaison with hotel partners for Postgraduate Society balls.
- b. Propose ball themes, decorations, and entertainment options.
- c. Explore different venue options and present ideas via 'ball proposal(s)' to the Committee, in consultation with the Postgraduate Society President.

*Section 6:*

The Event Convener shall:

- a. Organise small- and medium-scale events.
- b. Liaise with other societies and subcommittees of the Students' Association as necessary to organize joint events.

*Section 7:*

The Publicity/Marketing Officer shall:

- a. Design publicity for the events of the Postgraduate Society.
- b. Develop marketing strategies for advertising the events of the Postgraduate Society.

*Section 8:*

The Secretary shall:

- a. Keep detailed minutes of the meetings of the Postgraduate Society Committee;  
and
- b. Perform other duties as needed.

**Article IV - Meetings**

The Committee shall meet at least once a week during teaching weeks. In the event of extenuating circumstances, meetings may be cancelled by a consensus of the Committee.

**Article V - Parliamentary Authority**

The Postgraduate Society Committee shall be governed by this Constitution and the Standing Orders of the Students' Association.

**Ms Struetzel proposed the motion and Mr van Brussel seconded.**

Ms Struetzel introduced the motion as such: we've updated the constitution that was produced last year, the biggest change being that, whereas the AGM was previously held in September with an EGM in May, the AGM will now be held in May to elect some positions with an EGM held in September to elect the others.

**The motion, as presented, was adopted without dissent.**

## **9.2. R. 14-9 A Motion to Subsidise the Purchase of Bike Lights with the SRC Discretionary Fund**

### **THE SRC NOTES:**

1. Cycling is a popular mode of transport amongst University of St Andrews Staff and Students
2. The 2013 Multi-Member Ward Plan, published by Police Scotland, identified Cycle Related Offences as a local priority
3. Bike lights are not available in YourShop
4. It is illegal to cycle on a public road in the dark without lights and reflectors because of the danger this presents to drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians
5. The types of lights and reflectors and where to fit them is explained in the Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations.
6. 100 Bike Lights including batteries cost £700 (£7 per unit)- these have been sourced from a Wholesale Vendor

### **THE SRC BELIEVES:**

1. Student safety is a primary concern of the Association
2. This is an issue which does not just concern Community Relations
3. Few students know that it is a legal requirement to have bike lights and reflectors
4. Bike lights can be expensive
5. Students are more likely to buy bike lights if they are cheaper and available from a central location
6. However, cheaper bike lights create a false economy as they are often faulty or ineffective
7. It is in the interests of both student safety and the Association to buy better quality bike lights to sell in YourShop and subsidise the difference in cost in order to incentivise purchase
8. £5 is a reasonable amount of money that students are willing to part with
9. If bike lights are £7 then a subsidy of £2 per unit brings them down to a more reasonable price of £5

10. This subsidy we are asking for from the Discretionary Fund would be £200 in total

**THE SRC RESOLVES:**

1. To subsidise the purchase of a test sample of 100 bike lights using the SRC discretionary fund to be sold in YourShop by £200

**Ms Evans proposed the motion and Mr Mathewson seconded.**

Ms Evans introduced the motion as such: the lack of bike lights has been brought to my attention by the community council, the police, students, and others, as well as it being spoken about in the multiword plan form 2013. With evenings getting darker, this is becoming an issue for student safety. Light reflectors and lights are also legally required, since not having them is dangerous to both the cyclist and to other road users and pedestrians. Bike lights are not available widely or cheaply within the town. We believe that YourShop should distribute. This motion will also show that the Association is taking action on this. We've found some good prices online, but we want to subsidise that with the discretionary fund, bringing the price down from seven to five pounds. We want to purchase one hundred as a test sample, which would require a subsidy of £200. A Bike information campaign will also promote the purchase of those lights.

Ms Rae asked whether more would be sold if the lights proved popular.

Ms Evans answered that they hopefully would.

Mr Norris asked how much was being proposed.

Ms Sheffield answered that the subsidy would be £200.

Mr Hajda stated that, while he loved the idea, they needed to think about how to make the scheme sustainable since the current grant would only last for 100 bikes. Mr Hajda stated that they need to promote it generally, not just for a limited number. Mr Hajda stated that he was unsure what the solution was.

Ms Kennedy-O'Brien asked whether the price would come down if the light were bought in bulk, which might present a solution to Mr Hajda's problem.

Ms Evans stated that such discounts would be something they could investigate if the scheme proved a success.

Mr Mathewson stated that this motion would be a massive asset for Ms Evans, as she was currently berated at every meeting about the lack of lights on student bikes.

Mr Ali asked how the personal alarms sold in YourShop were currently subsidised.

Mr Hajda answered that they were subsidised through the Wellbeing budget and that they were not sold but given out for free.

Mr Cupples stated that they were available from the reception, not YourShop.

Mr Hajda stated that each alarm cost £1.30.

Mr Ali asked how much the lights would cost.

Mr Mathewson answered that they were £7 per unit, dropping to £5 with the proposed subsidy.

Ms Evans stated that £7 was the wholesale price, with retail prices normally being around £30.

Mr Hajda stated that it would be possible to get cheaper bike lights but that they would not want to compromise safety by buying insufficient ones.

Ms Potter asked if other schemes were being contemplated, such as regarding helmets or high visibility vests.

Ms Evans answered that they should look at high visibility vests in YourShop.

Ms Potter asked what was happening about helmets.

Ms Events answered that the best that could be done was to encourage that they be worn, since they were not a legal requirement, though strongly recommended.

**The motion, as presented, was adopted without dissent.**

### **9.3. J. 14-12 A Motion to Have a Spooktacular Night**

#### **THIS SRC AND SSC NOTE:**

1. The popular holiday of Halloween is almost upon us
2. There has not been a councils social since the 30th of September.
3. Dressing up as ghouls and other spooks originated from the ancient Celtic tradition of townspeople disguising themselves as demons and spirits<sup>1</sup>
4. Traditions of Halloween include dressing up and eating lots of candy. And having parties

#### **THIS SRC AND SSC BELIEVE:**

1. Parties are fun. Parties involving costumes and sweets are even better
2. Council members who do not show up to socials are no fun
3. The wrath of the SSC Member Without Portfolio should be universally feared
4. Sunday 26th October is at present an uninteresting day and would be much improved by having a Halloween themed event
5. Thinking up costume ideas stimulates creativity. Creativity is good for the brain. The brain is good for life. Ergo a party involving costumes is basically beneficial for your health

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<sup>1</sup> According to this website <http://facts.randomhistory.com/halloween-facts.html>



## **THIS SRC AND SSC RESOLVE:**

1. To have a Halloween party at on the 26th of October (time, location, basically everything to be confirmed)
2. To make attendance compulsory unless a very convincing reason for absence is provided. Failure to provide this will result in you being tracked down. Or alternatively you'll be known as someone who is no fun for the rest of eternity
3. To make costumes compulsory. There may even be prizes.
4. To have a good time at the party and in life.

### **Ms Kennedy-O'Brien proposed the motion, and Ms Evans seconded.**

Ms Kennedy-O'Brien introduced the motion as such: we're going to have a social on Sunday, so long as you pass this motion. If you don't pass it, that means it will just be the SSC, which would strongly suggest that the SSC is more fun. Attendance would be compulsory and you'd all have to have a good time.

Ms Rae asked why Sunday was chosen.

Ms Kennedy-O'Brien answered that it was chosen as all other dates during this week and the following would not be possible.

Mr Ghebru asked whether it would be possible to move it.

Ms Kennedy-O'Brien answered that it would not.

### **The motion, as presented, was adopted without dissent.**

#### **10. Open Discussion**

There was no business for Open Discussion.

#### **11. Any Other Competent Business**

**The meeting adjourned at 1939.**