



St Catherine's College Middle Common Room

Open Meeting

Minutes

Sunday, 25 January 2026 at 7:00pm

Hybrid: Middle Common Room, Ainsworth Graduate Centre and via Microsoft Teams

1. General Business

Item	Led By	Related Documents
1.1 Welcome	Co-presidents	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24 MCR members present. • 2 MCR members attending via AVL. 		
1.2 Approval of previous Open Meeting Minutes	Co-presidents	Page 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes approved. 		
1.3 Care and responsibility for MCR equipment	Co-Presidents	
<p>Noted two pieces of MCR equipment have recently been found broken.</p> <p>MCR Coffee Machine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The coffee machine in the MCR has been broken on more than one occasion. • Seems to be from misuse (using ground coffee instead of coffee beans). • Sunny gave a tutorial on how to correctly load the coffee machine. • Noted that it is very expensive to repair. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If keeps breaking, MCR might need to get a different coffee machine. <p><u>Discussion</u></p> <p>Q1: <i>There were nice PDF instructions previously—can we get those?</i></p> <p>A1: Will try to track down.</p> <p>MCR TV Remote Control</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TV remote is broken, not sure when or how (some time over the holidays) • A replacement has been ordered. • Proposed that the replacement will be left with porters—students will need to collect the remote from there. <p><u>Discussion</u></p> <p>Q1: <i>What about other equipment? The PS5 and/or controllers?</i></p> <p>A1: Open to suggestions on what is appropriate.</p>		

2. Motions

Item	Proposed By	Related Documents
2.1 Motion to purchase five posters from SolidariTee	Hannah Fuchs	Page 5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hannah previously proposed to donate £50 to SolidariTee (last Open Meeting). Due to the MCR structure, couldn't be processed as a straight donation. Resolved to amend motion. Current motion is to purchase five posters for the MCR, which will effectively donate £50 to the charity. If anyone is interested in getting involved, speak to Hannah. <p>Discussion</p> <p>Q1: <i>What does the poster look like?</i> A1: Two styles, both designed by refugees. One is line art, one is landscape (includes tea!)</p> <p>Q2: <i>Is there a SolidariTee Instagram?</i> A2: Yep, there is also have more merch, speak to Hannah to save on shipping.</p> <p>Voting</p> <p>Motion passed.</p>		

3. Committee Elections

Item	Led By	Related Documents
3.1 Environmental Representative Toma-Jin Morikawa-Fouquet	Co-presidents	Page 6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Previously did Masters in 2021-2022, came back in 2023. Currently a DPhil, history major, looking at environmental and ecological thought and Japan. Previously MCR IT officer. Want to get involved again. Will come into this role as a learner, wanting to see how the ideas are transformed into practice. Make it into an opportunity to make the college more sustainable. Reflect graduate voices in Catz reconstruction/renovation/repair process. <p>Discussion</p> <p>Q1: <i>Do you support nuclear power?</i> A1: Maybe not.</p> <p>Q2: <i>Why not?</i> A2: Fukushima.</p> <p>Q3: <i>Do you have any initiatives that you have thought of already?</i> A3: Free masks to people who are sick. Not pod coffee. Baby steps. Open to ideas.</p>		

Q4: *How is the college incorporating environmental practices?*

A4: I think they are trying to install solar.

(*Environment rep last year:*) The college is allowing us in the future to have greener things. They started a committee last year. They were very resistant to things for a while.

A5: *Do you have any thoughts on addressing Hall food waste?*

Q5: Food safety is always a concern, but happy to bring it up.

Voting

Nomination passed.

3.2 | Catz House Co-Representative

Elliot Dobson

Co-presidents

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- Currently a first-year medic.
- Looking to get involved in the MCR.
- Catz House is a good place to get involved.
- I know what it is like to be disconnected.

Discussion

Q1: *Can you take one A4 sheet of paper to Catz house?*

A1: Yes.

Voting

Nomination passed.

4. Any Other Business

Item	Led By	Related Documents
4.1 MCR Bar Sign-Ups	Patrick	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Struggling to fill sign-ups to open the MCR bar.• Would be helpful for bar trained members to put selves forward to work behind the bar at upcoming events.• If you work on the bar twice, you are entitled to open the bar (with another bar trained member) at a time of your choosing.• Sunny: MCR is also working on implementing a potential free formals incentive. Update TBC.		
4.2 Catz is Anti-Concussion	Joe	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Catz is currently pushing a concussion awareness campaign.• Posters to be put up around the college.• Will be training, details upcoming. <p><u>Discussion</u></p> <p>Q1: <i>Did someone have a concussion?</i></p> <p>A1: Not as far as I know. It is just a proactive campaign.</p> <p>Q2: <i>When will we get access to the squash courts?</i></p> <p>A2: Not this academic year. College will reimburse you for cost of hiring a court at Iffley.</p>		

4.3 MCR Lighting	Patrick	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hue lights in MCR currently not working. • Need to speak to Jamie to get resolved. 		
4.4. Future Welfare Events	Yaga	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welfare reps are open to ideas for future welfare-centred events. • Sunny: Also, please get in touch if you need help. Plenty of welfare supports around the college. 		

Meeting opened: 7:00pm

Meeting closed: 7:32pm