

# Ustinov College GCR General Meeting Minutes



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7:00 p.m. 15/03/2018

**1. Apologies:** JO

**Present:** JG, TAB, XM, AB, AS, NQ, FO, TP, AH, JS, MR, CW, VU

**2. Q&A with Glenn McGregor.**

I have nothing to say in particular, and no big news items so am happy just to respond to whatever questions you have for me.

*What is the meaning of life?*

Happiness, love for your fellow human being, and love for Ustinov.

*Recently in a Sexual Violence and Misconduct meeting it was stated that Ustinov is the best College in the university in terms of staff attendance at the Level 1 training. However, our student uptake of the Consent Matters is bottom three in the university. What do you think, as a GCR and College together, can be done to improve on these numbers? These courses are mandatory for 1<sup>st</sup> year students, but we have a 2% turn out.*

This issue is extremely important. The only thing we can really do is advertise widely and emphasise the importance. Maybe we are in a community where we are slightly different to other, maybe we are more aware. I would encourage everyone here to engage in this issue. It is a hidden issue that people have been reluctant to engage on. I am surprised to hear about the student attendance, but am happy to hear about the staff attendance. I suggest we spread the word, and encourage people to engage with us on the issue.

*I am sure you are aware that there are College trusts among various undergraduate colleges. They seem to be useful pots of money, for example Josephine Butler have it fantastic for that. We do not have a trust. Given the move, and now the rent taking up such a substantial portion of College budget, we are facing pressure to make sure our margins are good for the university. If we had a trust it would be the kind of mechanism that could help.*

I have been here for four years since two days ago. After being here for six months I learnt about College trusts. I thought about the idea of a trust for the College, but the university position is to not have trusts and therefore to not establish any more trusts. The reason is trusts are quite separate from the university and are not managed by the university. My understanding is the university is a bit risk averse, as theoretically the trustees could walk away with the money tomorrow. In short, we will not be setting up a trust. There are other ways that can provide some money for the College, for example through alumni donations. Some trusts are very large, while others are quite small, but they all carry a risk with them.

Back to alumni donations, historically Ustinov has not done very well with philanthropic giving. I have given some thought to this. Largely this is because most students are only here for a year, so do not engage with the college as much as they should. We need to think about how we can encourage alumni to be a bit more generous. As an alumnus I have not given back to my old universities. There is the question alumni face that is,

should I give back to a university I have already paid lots of fees to. I did set up a giving program for the study space being built on HF, but had to bring that to a close due to the move. My opinion is it is best to invest in people, not bricks and mortar like buildings. We should think about how we can send a message to alumni to support the development of students through things like scholarships and bursaries.

*Do we have any plans to engage with alumni? I am an alumnus and get nothing from Ustinov, yet I get lots from my undergraduate college at Durham. I wondered if there is a possibility Ustinov could engage more.*

I believe they receive the Ustinovian, and get an electronic version that can be downloaded. Alumni are invited to various events, and are tweeted to through the alumni account.

*It is noted from the questioner that they cannot speak for anyone else, but they do not have twitter.*

*What is your opinion on the naming of the 17<sup>th</sup> College?*

My personal opinion is that the new college should carry the name of someone who means a lot to the university. My preference is Dame Margot Fonteyn. She is a former Chancellor, like Ustinov and Bryson, and is an internationally known figure. Perhaps she did not get the recognition as Chancellor she deserved when she was actually here. Others may differ of course, but that is my personal opinion.

*There was also the recent controversy about the two academics going to be thrown out the country. I believe they have attended Ustinov events before. I know the University has stated they try to support any members of staff. Is there anything as a College we can be doing to help them?*

There is an electronic petition that I have the link to; I can send it to all Ustinov students. Students have spoken to the local MP; they are lobbying Government. The Vice Chancellor is doing all he can, and knows it is a crazy situation. The fact that the couple were in Mexico on a UK funded research council developing a database to find loved ones who went missing. Theresa May in the Home Office was issuing some chilling statements about students in the UK. She was tweeting all the time about this crazy policy; international people in the UK have been made out to be pariahs. There is a lot of 'fake news' about overseas people coming to study in the UK. We have got to stand up; we have to. I will try to find the link again to the petition and will send it out.

*Almost every other College subsidises formals. We have the most expensive formals in Durham, including compared to Josephine Butler that have the same facilities for formals that we do. We do we not subsidise formals?*

I am unaware of this but I will look into it. I would be interested to hear the source of funding that the other colleges use to subsidise the formals.

*Going out for a walk the other day, I discovered there are 4 memorials here at the Howlands Farm site. Will we leave these in situ or move them with us?*

There are four trees down the bottom of the site for the four students who passed away in residence. The trees are becoming well established, so the intention is to leave them. The students spent a lot of time in Howlands Farm, so I feel it would be the right thing to leave them where they are. This was one of the first things that I thought about when I heard about the move. It is fitting that they stay, I think.

My intention is to make myself available at the beginning of these meetings to answer your questions; apologies for not making myself available for them in the past. If you know I am coming along, do come along with questions for me.

### 3. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

Minutes from the General Meeting held on 25/01/2018: approved on the general aye.

#### a. Issues Arising from Last Minutes

##### i. Results of Elections following Last Meeting

Following the last meeting, the roles listed below were filled:

<b>Election Officer:</b>	Durgesh Pratap Singh
<b>Sheraton Park Rep:</b>	Sophie Hill
<b>Video Master:</b>	Jono Wilson

The next General Meeting will be the Annual General Meeting, where all executive roles bar Social Secretary and Livers Out Representative will be up for election (the two mentioned will be up for election in October). TAB calls for anyone interested in applying to be part of the GCR Executive Committee to talk to current members to see what is involved in each of the roles. It is also highlighted that money is attached to two of the roles.

### 4. Reports from Officers

#### a. President [JG]

One of the big things that JG has been dealing with is the move to SP. He has been liaising with Stephenson and John Snow Colleges, and organising to show them how Ustinov functions on the HF site. Stephenson College want to do a substantial amount of work in Fisher House; JG wants to make sure this work does not affect Ustinov students, in particular in the run up to dissertation deadlines. JG has suggested they do work around the middle of August when it is a bit quieter generally in Fisher House. Ustinov should still have full amenity of the bar and café, there is just a question of how much noise will be made. JG is going to liaise with JB to see if Ustinov can borrow some of their space/study rooms if it seems Fisher House will become too noisy.

The university have agreed on the amount of money the GCR will get for all the stuff at HF that will be lost in the move. Things like the MUGA, lighting on the MUGA, the sound system and curtains will all be handed over to John Snow and Stephenson. JG wanted to make sure the GCR got the money back to invest in SP. About £20 of it was disputed, but the GCR will get around £6,000 compensation for these things. £10,000 will also be given for the refurbishment of the room in the observatory that Ustinov is being given. The plan is to turn this into a music room and maybe an SCR. There is still uncertainty in whether it is the actual observatory or the house that Ustinov is going to get to use. It is noted the spaces are around the same size, but the observatory is a little nicer.

JG has been doing a lot of work with the Sexual Violence and Misconduct Operations Group. There are Colleges whose student participation in the Consent Matters course is less than 2%. The course is supposed to be mandatory for first year students, but nothing happens if students do not do it. HR is putting together a complaints procedure regarding sexual violence and misconduct complaints on staff members. The group have been working out how this should work, especially for staff/student relationships when things become a little difficult when some students can be staff. They are making sure all these points are addressed properly in the procedure before it goes through.

One thing JG is aiming to do is to set up a proper budget for the GCR, which has not happened in previous years. Budgets have been very ad hoc in the past, with

sums of money being passed throughout the year. JG would like to try and get a full year budget. Within that, JG is trying to make the GCR fairer by considering carefully what events student levies are used for. He notes it does not seem fair for tickets to formals and the Summer Ball to be subsidised heavily by GCR levies when there are only a limited number of spaces for the event. Last year the Summer Ball was hugely subsidised; JG is going to make sure it is more sensibly subsidised this year.

*We were told that Ustinov students would have access to study space in the Business School. Do you know if we can swipe in now?*

JG met with Nick Benbow two weeks after the meeting in SP where he said Ustinov students would have this access; he promised to take it to someone. JG has not heard back from him, but can message him and find out what the position is.

**b. Treasurer [AB]**

In terms of figures, the GCR currently has £19,221.37 in the Current Account and £48,248.17 in the Savings Account. The last big expenses other than the trips were the deposit for the Summer BBQ, a replacement TV for Dryburn that was split with College, the purchase of a new games console for SP and hiring karaoke through Dusk 'til Dawn.

The first five formals of the year cost around £13,700/£13,800. Record keeping of how many GCR/non-GCR members pay for formal tickets has been improved this year. It was found around 70% of attendees have been GCR members, and around 30% have been non-members. In terms of subsidies this is very close to where it needs to be. There is currently no plan to raise prices for formals next year currently; however, this may change depending on where formals can be held. The GCR are still expecting a large income this year, as around £40,000 of levy payments has still to be given to us. This will pay for the biggest events of the year including the Summer Ball and the Summer BBQ.

**c. Vice President [XM]**

The stash delivery is expected to arrive tomorrow. Students can collect their stash from SP or HF. The 24<sup>th</sup> of March is Earth Day; the lights will be turned off in Fisher House and in the SP parking area/middle square. This day is a reminder to save energy; Farah has ordered some candles, and is planning on having a gathering outside Fisher House during the time the lights are switched off. XM encourages students to join in by turning their lights off in their rooms.

The Easter Kids party will be happening soon; XM is going to send out an email calling for volunteers in the near future.

**d. Bar Steward [VU]**

Both bars still exist! The bar was very busy this term thanks to the Chinese New Year celebration and the Super Bowl. An end of term party will be held tomorrow that will also serve as a celebration for St Patrick's Day. VU encourages all students to bring cash as the mobile bar (that will be serving Amstel and Somersby) is cash only. Additionally, the bar staff will be trying a £5 minimum spend on card payments. After the bar has made a certain amount of money students will be able to ask for cash back, but not at the beginning.

Regarding the party itself, there will be plenty Guinness available, and the bar will be trying out some green coloured cocktails. The party will be a silent disco.

*Will there be a non-alcoholic cocktail?*

VU will try to put something in.

*Is it possible to get non-alcoholic cider?*

VU can discuss this with hospitality as an example of a non-alcoholic drink that could be put behind the bar. There is now lime cordial and blackcurrant cordial; they are trying to bring other alcohol-free drinks.

*Are there any special events happening for the Football World Cup?*

The Summer BBQ will be happening on one of the quarter finals; it will be shown in Fisher House. There will be a World Cup opening party which VU will discuss with the NQ. All games will be shown in both SP and HF. It is noted that some undergraduate colleges will be closed during summer so more people may come to Ustinov if the games are shown.

**e. Clubs and Societies Officer [TP]**

There has been an additional society made. The sports team season is coming to an end; Ustinov has been doing quite well this year. A games console has been bought, so the plan is to get people down to SP café to start using it. A dart board has also been set up in SP. TP has been sorting out the pool tables in HF and looking into moving them to SP. A funding call has been sent out to all clubs and societies.

**f. Communications Officer [MR]**

Message boards have been put up in SP; these are going to be used a bit more. The idea is to capture student life a bit more using photography and by posting events.

There is now a media cabinet in the SP bar. Cables will soon be available to connect up to the SP AV kit so it will be more available to students to utilise that space. For communications, MR has mostly been trying to focus on advertising events through email, Facebook and WeChat.

The promotional video for Ustinov College is centred here on Howlands Farm. Soon this will not be relevant so the GCR should start to think about updating the video to include more SP, though it is noted it is nice to have the memory of HF. It is also noted that the college video cost a lot of money and took a lot of time to make. The idea would be to start to put things in place so that next year's students can start to think about it.

**g. DSU Liaison Officer [AH]**

Durham is the 65<sup>th</sup> university that has agreed to diverge from oil. The university decided that the new College will be named by a donor, rather than after a

woman who has contributed a lot to Durham or the North East as was originally agreed.

The Vice Chancellor came to a town hall meeting to discuss various issues including the strikes. The university are looking at ways to compensate student.

The university had proposed differential costing for College accommodation; it was decided this is not happening. They are going to look for bursaries for students, and look at increasing the minimum amount of money parents earn before a student gets some kind of bursary.

A lot of things will be happening at the DSU including puppy sessions, bouncy castles and free pizza; AH encourages everyone to check it out.

The DSU elections happened. Spencer did a great campaign and came very close. A Ustinov student doing so well in the elections has highlighted to the DSU that Ustinov College needs to be thought about. Laura has resigned, Sabrina is taking an absence due to health and George Walker is on temporary leave of absence. AH has been talking to Megan about getting the night bus for the GCR to use for shuttle services. It might be possible; insurance needs to be looked at and drivers need to be looked for. The finances of the GCR will have to be looked at before anything is agreed on.

AH held a survey on don sets. There was strong feedback that they are not worth the money. It was also clear from the feedback that the wardrobe and desk space is not sufficient. AH is going to lobby for extra storage facilities for these rooms.

*Who can we ask for help regarding bus routes to SP?*

The university are aware of the lack of public transport around SP. They are talking to Ariva about amending a route, but they are not thinking that it will be viable. They decided that SP is close enough to the science site that public transport is not needed. However, the numbers they put into their calculations involve paths that are unlit and feel unsafe. AH recommends that students send emails so the problem is highlighted by as many people as possible, and he will talk to Megan about it.

**h. International Officer [JO] [Apologies]**

There was a trip to Lindisfarne and a trip to Bamburgh Castle; they went well.

**i. Livers Out Representative [CW]**

CW organised going out for pancakes on Pancake Day. There will be a Fish and Chips event for Good Friday either held in HF or in town. VU and CW are also going to organise livers out drinks at Whisky River. CW would like to do some cultural things, and calls for students to talk to her to let her know what they are interested in.

*How many livers out are there in Ustinov College?*

There are around 700/800 livers out.

A request is made to make sure livers out events show up in the GCR newsletters.

**j. Social Secretary [NQ]**

Tomorrow there will be a silent disco. This is to try and combat the complaints about the sound quality after the first party at SP. Buses will be running between HF and SP from 21:00-23:00 and then from 00:00 to 03:00.

There will be an inter-MCR party with a theme still to be decided. The next big party is the welcome back/beginning of term party. This will be held in Fisher, and will also have a theme still to be decided. The Pride party will be held on 25<sup>th</sup> May.

**k. Welfare Officer [JS]**

JS has had quite a busy time recently. Last week there were two consent and boundaries discussions held, one in SP and one in HF. Both went quite well, and had a nice turnout. The university's Students Support Officer, Clarissa Humphreys, held a very interesting discussion. JS is talking to her about holding bystander training. This teaches people to spot signs of inappropriate behaviour at, for example, parties.

International Woman's Day celebrations were held; thanks to Maryham for helping to organise the quiz and some of the other events.

There was a community coffee morning held at SP in order to improve community relations. JS has heard that it was quite a nice event. Having spoken to Hospitality, it looks like this can be done on more Saturdays at SP.

JS is starting to plan the Pride party with NQ. Welfare hours will be run more regularly around exam time. JS is also looking to organise a puppy stress relief event.

Condoms and female hygiene products are now available in the bathrooms at SP; JS calls for students to be considerate when taking these items.

JS is talking to Rosa, the Welfare Officer at the DSU, and Welfare Officers at other colleges to share ideas. JS highlights it would be a good idea for Welfare teams at different colleges to mix more.

On the 4<sup>th</sup> of June will be Pincident; there will be more posts to come nearer the time describing the event.

Some students feel very stressed and want extensions for assignments. In order to get an extension, a doctor's note is needed and their College Student Support Officer has to deal with the paper work. The letter costs £50, so it can be seen as exclusive to some students that cannot afford it. JS has helped rewrite the DSU policy, and is looking to get the university to reimburse this cost.

**5. Agenda Items**

**a. Budget for Whitby Trip [JO]**

**i. Proposal**

*The GCR shall approve a budget of up to £700 to spend on coaches (two coaches) for a trip to Whitby.*

Proposer: James O'Neil

Secunder: Matthew Roberts

**ii. Supporting Information**

Whitby is a seaside town, and is a nice place to take Ustinovians during the months when the weather gets better. The price for the tickets will be £4/£7/£9 for children/GCR members/non-members, as has been done for previous trips. The proposed date of the trip is Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May.

**iii. Questions**

*Could the price be changed to £4/£6/£9 for children/GCR members/non-members? Otherwise there is not much of a GCR subsidy for members.*

AB is happy with this price change. There is general agreement that this would be a good idea.

**iv. Vote**

40 votes for, 0 against, 0 abstentions – the proposal passes.

**b. Budget for Lake District Trip [JO]**

**i. Proposal**

*The GCR shall approve a budget of up to £850 to spend on coaches for a trip to the Lake District. £800 is to be used for two coaches and £50 to buy the walking tour guides lunch.*

Proposer: James O'Neil

Secunder: Matthew Roberts

**ii. Supporting Information**

JO will be approaching the Durham University Walking Society to help organise hikes around the Lake District. It is one of the more picturesque areas of the North West. It is quite hard to get to on your own, so taking buses seems the best option and walks around there are highly recommended. Tickets at the moment are planned to be £4/£8/£10 for children/GCR members/non-members.

**iii. Questions**

*Does the society you are talking to belong to the university or Ustinov?*

It is a DSU society.

*What will be the date of the trip?*

The date is currently being negotiated with the Hill Walking Society. The idea will be to hold it at the end of next term, perhaps week nine, after exams are finished.

*Is it going to be at the weekend?*

Yes.

*The £8/£10 price split for members/non-members seems a bit small. Would you consider lowering the ticket price for members?*

The GCR could subsidise it a bit more. The final price decision can be made later, but this will be taken into consideration.

*As these might be quite intense walks, you might not want kids from Dryburn to go.*

There might be other options, like staying in town or going for a gentle walk around the lake.

It is noted that with the Hill Walking Society they will make sure that everyone who attends is wearing appropriate footwear, and make sure people going on the hike are not wearing jeans. There will be some elements of authorisation before attendees are allowed on the bus.

**iv. Vote**

40 votes for, 0 against, 0 abstentions – the proposal passes.

**c. Budget for the Summer Ball [FO]**

**i. Proposal**

*The GCR shall approve a budget of up to £5,200 to spend on the Ustinov College 2018 Summer Ball. This includes £1,500 for decorations, £2,500 for entertainment and £1,200 for buses and miscellaneous.*

Proposer: Fernanda Oliva

Secunder: Nigel Quinn

**ii. Supporting Information**

**iii. Questions**

*Has the theme been decided?*

There are a couple of options, including Game of Thrones and Ice and Fire. It is noted that Game of Thrones would not be appealing to students who do not watch the show so it will not be that.

*Last year, the ticket was subsidised far too much by GCR levies. How does this budget compare to last year, and will you make sure the tickets are not subsidised as much?*

The total amount of the £5,200 that comes back will be dependent on the ticket pricing, which has not currently been decided. It might mean adding £5 or more to the ticket price from last year to not have tickets subsidised as much. There is an upper limit for the amount that the GCR would subsidise by.

It is generally agreed to vote on the budget as being maximally subsidised, then talk about ticket pricing later with this point in mind.

*There were multiple controversies in previous years about the relatively high pricing of chair covers. Has this been looked at?*

The ticket price will be considerably more than for a formal, but it is better food, in a nicer place and may be the final event for some students so FO believes that people will pay for it.

*Last year, chair covers ended up being around £2.50 per seat, so around £500 altogether. They ended up being the most expensive decoration. The question is do we really need the chair covers if the chairs are nice enough?*  
The company the GCR are using for the Summer Ball is Beamish Extras; perhaps a quote for chair covers can be requested from another

company. Chair covers are not currently settled within the budget for decorations as all the decorations are not fully quoted up. JG points out that maybe it should just be agreed not to go for those chair covers. This discussion does not affect the total amount of money that is being requested to be passed for the Summer Ball, as it will be made sure that the amount of money spent does not go above the requested amount.

*What date will the Summer Ball be held?*

The Summer Ball will be on Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> of June.

**iv. Vote**

40 votes for, 0 against, 0 abstentions – the proposal passes.

**d. Budget for Summer BBQ [JG]**

**i. Proposal**

*The GCR shall approve one of the following budgets for the Ustinov Summer BBQ 2018.*

**1. Budget BBQ**

<i>Staging</i>	<i>£1,500</i>
<i>Talent</i>	<i>£2,000</i>
<i>Entertainment</i>	<i>£2,700</i>
<i>- Generator hire</i>	
<i>Lighting</i>	<i>£0</i>
<i>Audio Tech</i>	<i>£1,200</i>
<i>Stash</i>	<i>£500</i>
<i>Decorations</i>	<i>£250</i>
<i>Advertising/Branding</i>	<i>£0</i>
<i>Food</i>	<i>£3,000</i>
<b><i>Total:</i></b>	<b><i>£11,150</i></b>

**2. Medium BBQ**

<i>Staging</i>	<i>£1,500</i>
<i>Talent</i>	<i>£5,000</i>
<i>- Now includes a small headline act</i>	
<i>Entertainment</i>	<i>£3,500</i>
<i>- Generator hire + additional rides/games</i>	
<i>Lighting</i>	<i>£1,500</i>
<i>- Lighting for main stage</i>	
<i>Audio Tech</i>	<i>£1,200</i>
<i>Stash</i>	<i>£500</i>
<i>Decorations</i>	<i>£1,000</i>
<i>Food</i>	<i>£4,000</i>
<i>Advertising/Branding</i>	<i>£2,000</i>
<i>- Posters/signs/graphic design/other comms</i>	
<b><i>Total:</i></b>	<b><i>£20,200</i></b>

**3. Big Final HF BBQ**

<i>Staging</i>	<i>£1,500</i>
<i>Talent</i>	<i>£12,000</i>
<i>- Now includes a small headline act + big headliner</i>	
<i>Entertainment</i>	<i>£4,000</i>
<i>- Generator hire + further entertainment</i>	
<i>Lighting</i>	<i>£2,500</i>

- <i>Lighting for main stage</i>	
<i>Audio Tech</i>	<i>£2,200</i>
- <i>Extra budget in case of extra equipment for riders</i>	
<i>Stash</i>	<i>£1,000</i>
- <i>Extra volunteers and subsidised BBQ t-shirts for guests</i>	
<i>Decorations</i>	<i>£1,000</i>
<i>Food</i>	<i>£4,000</i>
<i>Advertising/Branding</i>	<i>£2,000</i>
- <i>Posters/signs/graphic design/other comms</i>	
<b><i>Total:</i></b>	<b><i>£30,200</i></b>

Proposer: Jamie Graham  
 Seconder: Alastair Stewart

## ii. Supporting Information

This is the biggest event of the year; it is the equivalent of our College Day. In the past there has been a budget for £10,000, and it has generally had £8,000 spent on it. This mostly goes toward the hire of entertainment and a very big stage. Usually there are around 500 people that attend and entry is free. This year it will be held on 7<sup>th</sup> July, just after the undergraduate term ends so it will provide an opportunity for postgraduates to come together.

Initially a poll will be held to find out which of the above BBQs should be put forward to a motion. The motion will then be voted on. JG will give a brief description of how each of the above BBQs would differ from a usual Summer BBQ.

Option 1 – Acts like Paul Skerritt and similar that are not usually budgeted for can be hired. The first option is just the standard BBQ with slightly better acts.

Option 2 – This will double the budget. It is highlighted that a little bit more money was made through levy payments this year, and it is the final Summer BBQ at Howlands, therefore this BBQ could be made bigger and better. The intention would be to invite alumni and other MCRs to come along and join the fun. This would allow some more money to be put into advertising and branding in order to create a cohesive event. It would allow for a small headline act and more entertainment. Entertainment would include things like a petting zoo, face painters, fairground games, teacups and adult bouncy castles. More generators will be needed and there will be slightly better talent hired to perform.

Option 3 – The last budget would be a final big blow out BBQ since it may be the last one that Ustinov can have (it may not be possible to have a Summer BBQ when Ustinov moves completely to SP). This would allow for a proper headline act; JG is getting quotes for people like Craig Charles and Top Loader. It would also allow for the hire of more audio equipment, which would be needed for a headliner. This would take more manpower from the committee, and would take more time to organise. However, it is noted that the GCR committee is much bigger this year than it has been in previous years. This is the maximum that could be spent on a Summer BBQ given AB's projections. This year the GCR will receive around £18,000 more in levy money compared to last year and the GCR will receive some reimbursement for assets that will be lost due to the move to SP. It is also noted that currently the GCR has

quite a lot of money in the savings account; since alumni will be invited to this it would essentially be using some of their money on an event they can enjoy. It is also highlighted that £30,000 is very much at the upper end of what can be done, but is doable.

**iii. Questions**

*Do we get money from this event from bar sales?*

No, the money goes toward the year-end total of bar.

*Do we have the man power?*

The man power would be around the same for all. There will be about 50-60 people on the day working for it. This year Joe (Tech Officer) will not be in the country, but hiring audio people to come in has been budgeted. As the acts get better, this would be the bit that gets bigger but it would be fine with people being hired to come and sort it for us. The only man power needed is for putting up decorations and planning.

It is noted from a GCR member that a wedding in the UK on average costs around £15,000 for about 100 guests. Assuming the bigger option and expecting around 700/800 people on the day it seems reasonable.

*What other things could the money be spent on?*

Money for the assets would go towards for example the music room, but given that it would only be around £2,000/£3,000 it is not that much compared to the budgets being suggested.

More money could be spent on, for example, the Summer Ball. However, it is noted that only 200 people can attend the Ball, whereas everyone can attend the BBQ. Therefore, it seems more fair to spend people's levy money on the BBQ.

**iv. 1<sup>st</sup> Vote:**

1<sup>st</sup> option: 0.

2<sup>nd</sup> option: 13.

3<sup>rd</sup> option: 29.

Abstention: 1.

The decision is to vote on the £30,000 budget.

**v. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vote:**

40 votes for, 0 against, 1 abstention – the proposal passes.

JG requests that anyone who has an idea for a headline act contact him.

**e. Budget for College Sports [AB]**

**i. Proposal**

*The GCR shall approve a budget of up to £875 to cover costs related to College sports. This includes ten team entries into the College leagues (£180.00), hire of the crumb for the men's football team (£600.00), FA Affiliation (£84.00) and Indoor Cricket Balls (£10.50) totalling £874.50.*

Proposer: Alexander Blair

Secunder: Tom Pitts

**ii. Supporting Information**

The societies have matches on behalf of Ustinov. Historically these costs have been paid for in order to support sporting societies in Ustinov. This makes sure people can take part in sports without being down to individual societies to work out how to pay for these things.

**iii. Questions**

No questions.

**iv. Vote**

40 votes for, 0 against, 0 abstentions – the proposal passes.

**6. Hustings**

No hustings.

**7. Any Other Business**

No other business.

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Alastair Stewart

GCR Secretary

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