**CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY LABOUR CLUB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:**

Michaelmas 2024

**Date:** Friday the 19th of July

**Location:** Virtual

**Members in attendance:**

Co-Chair: Ben Cartwright (BC)

Co-Chair: Olivia Kelly (OK)

Junior Treasurer: Magnus Hole (MH)

Secretary: Alex Myall (AM)

Socials Officer: Maggie Woods (MW)

Membership Officer: Sid Fenton (SF)

Campaigns Officer: Alex Parton (AP)

CLP Liaison Office: Oscar Poulson (OP)

Speakers Officer: Olive Watt (OLW)

Publicity Officer: Chris Lorde (CL)

LGBT+ Officer: Sammy McDonald (SM)

Women and NB Officer: Ophelia Wye (OPW)

Disabled Students’ Officer: George Baldock (GB)

Ethnic Minorities Officer: N/A

Class Officer: Keane Handley (KH)

Freshers Representative: N/A

**Members not in attendance/apologies received:**

**Apologies Received:**

Disabled Students’ Officer: George Baldock (GB)

CLP Liaison Office: Oscar Poulson (OP)

Socials Officer: Maggie Woods (MW)

**Not in Attendance:**

N/A

**Items:**

1. **Attendance and Apologies:**
2. BC – talked about the challenges of the Club
3. OK – Talked about bookings at LSM and the CULC Garden Party venue
4. **Importance of handover:**
5. BC – highlighted the importance of handover
6. **By-Election:**
7. BC – Freshers rep and BME will be elected at the start of Michaelmas term, highlighting the need to entice new freshers to the club
8. **Well-being in CULC:**

- Welfare Officer election **(Annex A)**

1. BC – highlighted the importance of the role of welfare officer, **Hannah Johnson was appointed to the position of Welfare Officer**.
2. OK – Highlighted the importance of an exec social at the start of the term
3. **Finances:**
4. MH – we do not have access to the bank account, Sam Carling MP has access, he is difficult to contact.
5. **Welfare and Book Club:**
6. MH – Need to know what books would be popular, also looking at Mario Kart Tournament and film nights
7. **Blog:**
8. BC – creation of a blog, based on an OULC blog, with committee members and members of the club contributing to articles
9. AM – the editor should be put at part of a specific role for the longevity of the position
10. BC – editor should be created likely combined with another rule, likely would-be publicity officer, needs to be decided as to whether it is published annually or termly
11. KH + CL – should be a termly publication

**Action point** - the editor will informally be the publicity officer at least for now, it will be published termly, with other committee members helping out from time to time, the aim is to create it towards the end of Michaelmas 2024

1. **Speakers:**
2. OLW – Women in tech panel and panel on disability are being planned, looking at local MPs: Daniel Zeichner, Sam Carling, etc. and the MP for Southwest Norfolk.
3. SM – We have a Camunilabour email which would be useful for this, we should contact speakers early and broadly
4. KH – diversity of speakers is important
5. **Socials:**
6. BC – looking at rescheduling of the summer garden party and a formal on Michaelmas and Lent, looking at a trip to Oxford or London with OULC/LULCs

**Action point –** look at prices and travel options for trips to Oxford

1. **Liberation Events:**

a) BC – collaboration events with the 93% club and the SU are in the works

b) SM – LGBT events are in the works; lower key events are planned such as a Quiz or Mario Kart

1. **Campaigns:**
2. AP – Will continue international and at-home support for charity through events such as films and quiz nights
3. OW - potential use of Clare Cellars for CULC events for charity after the first couple of weeks of term
4. MH – Mario Kart Tournament would be in support of the Red Cross

**Action point –** CUCL will continue to support international campaigns through donations, we will talk to local foodbanks about raising money rather than donating which has not seemed very popular

1. **CLP:**

a) BC - Sending messages to Daniel Zeichner to speak at CULC

1. **Freshers Involvement:**

- Freshers Fair

- Freshers Rep (how should the role be defined)

- Socials

a) BC – vital for the future of the club and to ensure the diversity and inclusivity of the club

b) CL – explaining CULC is vital i.e. the Jargon Buster and what we have done in the past i.e. our charitable work

c) SF – highlights speakers to freshers

d) KH – importance of College Reps

**Action Point – A jargon buster and explainer of what CULC is and what it does will be created to be released around A Level Day**

1. **College Reps:**
   1. BC – ensure that there are college reps in every college, we will communicate with college reps, they are very helpful

**Annex A**

**Candidate Statements for the election of the Welfare Officer:**

**Hannah Johnson**

Since my time as a member of CULC, the importance of safety and inclusion have been clear values of this society. Welfare plays an integral part in this, with politics being such an emotionally charged arena. As Welfare officer, my primary aim would be to maintain these central values through an increased awareness of the ways in which politics can be exclusionary. During my time in CULC, I have had both insightful and challenging conversations, which I have handled in a confident and compassionate manner. My ability to remain measured and critical are attributes I both embody, and feel are crucial to this role. Working alongside liberation officers, I hope to broaden the scope of how we offer welfare services, ensuring that these values remain at the forefront of left wing politics.

**Martha Lucas:**

I believe creating a positive, comfortable and safe space for impassioned people to discuss the labour party and its future is crucial in increasing CULC’s outreach, and the role of welfare officer plays a crucial part in that. It goes without saying that I’m friendly and approachable, and having travelled internationally as a debate judge, which involves mitigating much heated conflict in a calm and comfortable way, I believe I am very suited to the role (trust me, debaters love an argument). Increasing the welfare officer's prominence would encourage freshers to be more vocal, knowing that their wellbeing needs were always protected, which is very important to me. As a fresher, I was initially intimidated in becoming vocal within CULC myself, not knowing anyone there, and so want to make sure the club grows in its inclusivity and friendliness for everyone by ensuring that that any potential issues can be solved in a comfortable manner, facilitated by myself, and welfare remains a priority. Finally, understanding the three-term commitment, as a welfare officer I would ensure I am always around and visible within CULC, always contactable, and always there for people when they need.