



MCR Committee Meeting Minutes

8 July 2026

1 Attendance

Date	8 July 2026
Chair	Sea Yun Joung
Attendees	Sea Yun Joung, Elliot Kasoar, Nils Lauermann, Maximilian Hanauske, Celeste, Nikolaos, Dorothy Johnson, Kyra Wu, Claire Saint-Amour, Chiara Leadbeater
Online	Sheena Mali, Jona, E. Q. Eggermeier
Apologies	Elina Paivinen, Anna Maria Sumrova, Tom Lechmere, Zoe, Felix Fromentin, Thomas Godfrey
Absent	Simeon Hatzopoulos

2 Meeting Items

2.1 Introductions

Meeting opened at 19:07. Sea Yun welcomed everyone.

Brief introductions from committee members:

- Sea Yun — President
- Max — Secretary
- Elliot — Treasurer
- Nils — Welfare & Swap
- Claire — Former
- Kyra — Social & Clareity
- Nikolaos — Vice President
- Celeste — Computing
- Dorothy — Clareity
- Libby — Social
- Jona — Admiral

- Sheena Mali — Bar

Chiara joined during introductions.

2.2 Vision Statement for the New Committee

Sea Yun stated that:

- Committee members should always feel able to raise concerns.
- The committee should be a welcoming and friendly place for discussion.
- The work of the committee should remain accessible and approachable to all Clare MCR members.

2.3 Freshers' Week Updates from Executive Committee

- Meeting with Yuanyuan expected within the next two weeks.
- Welfare team will again support the Consent Workshop.
- External speaker from previous years was well received.
- MCR Freshers' Week introduction will return.
- One slide will be prepared for each committee position.
- Nils suggested a separate bystander workshop.

Action: Explore combining the Consent Workshop and Bystander Workshop.

2.4 Update from Council Meeting

Sea Yun attended the recent Council Meeting.

- Council is the executive decision-making body of the College.
- Discussion took place regarding possible removal of EpiPens from College provision.

Action: If the policy is implemented, the MCR should circulate guidance to members with allergies.

2.5 Committee Role Allocations

Interim Officer Roles

- Constitution Rule 4.6: vacant positions immediately fall to the President.
- Elections for vacant positions expected during 5th week of Michaelmas.
- Sea Yun asked Elina to serve as Green Officer.
- Interim Library Officer responsibilities shared by the Clareity Chairs and Sea Yun.
- Library Committee meetings will be attended by Clareity Chairs.

Action: Additional roles for freshers will be discussed in future meetings.

College Committees

- Governing Body — Sea Yun and Nik
- Council — Sea Yun
- Finance and Investment — Elliot
- Trustee — Sea Yun / Elliot
- Art — Dorothy
- Development — Nils
- Garden — Elina
- Wine — Jona
- Library — Clareity Chairs
- Communications Working Group — Max
- Computing — Celeste
- Environment — Elina
- Conservation — Dorothy
- Estates — Nik
- Accommodation — Anna
- Catering — Libby and Kyra

Sea Yun suggested the possibility of a future “Cultus” Officer role.

2.6 Summer Activities

Discussion focused on supporting students who remain in Cambridge over summer.

Suggestions included:

- August picnic.
- Saturday football screenings in the MCR.
- Saturday bar openings.
- Weekly Thursday movie nights.
- Board game evenings.
- Pub crawls.
- Cricket evening organised by Jona.
- Punt events suggested by Nils.

2.7 Computing Updates

Celeste provided updates.

- New WhatsApp groups have been created.
- Committee portraits requested.
- Elliot has transferred role emails to the appropriate officers.

Action: All committee members should upload a short biography (approximately 100 words) to the shared Google Drive by 31 August.

2.8 Punts

Jona proposed establishing a Punt Society.

Points discussed included:

- Advantages of formalising punt management.
- Increased administrative requirements.
- Possible collaboration between UCS, MCR, and JCR.
- Consultation with Head Porter recommended.
- Estates Committee may be the most appropriate home for punt oversight.
- Further discussions should take place in September when UCS representatives are available.

Additional matters:

- Punt fines should be updated.
- Existing penalties no longer reflect replacement costs.
- Proposed £5 fine for missing punt photographs.
- New ropes and pulleys purchased for punt maintenance.
- Invoice will be forwarded to Elliot.

Action: Nils will circulate a document summarising existing punt information.

Action: A dedicated discussion group will be established for punt-related matters.

2.9 Freshers' Guide Biographies

Sea Yun reminded all committee members that 100-word biographies are required.

Action: Committee members should submit biographies once emails are circulated.

2.10 Associated Memberships

Discussion postponed until the next meeting.

3 Date of Next Meeting

Date	September 2026 (TBC)
Location	TBC