



# SUSU LGBTQ+ SOCIETY

## Minutes

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Meeting Time:</b>	14:00
<b>Meeting Location:</b>	Highfield Campus		

Attendees	
AI KD RR KR WW EB AH	President Vice-President Secretary Socials Officer Treasurer Welfare Officer Media Officer
Apologies	
NB AW AM HD	Technical Officer Ordinary Member Outreach Officer Welfare Officer

### Blossom Drive 2025

- EB has been in contact with a SURGE member and the 2024 committee's president to understand their experiences of last years Blossom Drive event and how we can utilise SURGE's equipment. SURGE also has filming set facilities; EB will be planning a committee trip down to their offices to see what its like and plan the pre-recorded sections of the live stream.
- During the 2023/24 year, the society raised £910 over a 12-hour stream period. The preliminary date for the Blossom Drive stream is May 10<sup>th</sup>, 10am-10pm, with both pre-recorded and livestream sections.
- This allows us time to announce the Blossom Drive event a month in advance for our members and potential participants.
- An interest form will be sent out to our members for anyone who would like to book a slot during the livestreaming segments. Members can stream games, discussions, or other activities on livestream with prior approval from the committee.
- NB will be notified about their duties as tech officer during the stream, last years committee noted that the team member will likely spend most of the day in the SURGE facility. If we split up this responsibility between shifts, this will not be so overwhelming on the tech officer, and they can also assist in other tech matters elsewhere.



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- Roles will be split up as follows:
  - 1) Event Overseer
  - 2) Stream Officer
  - 3) Graphics Officer
  - 4) SURGE / Tech Team:
  - 5) Audio & Sound Officer
  - 6) Treasurer
- We need to find a time when SURGE is available to organise the pre-recorded sections and Taskmaster segment. These scenes should be recorded before easter, which gives us time to rectify any mistakes and edit these segments.
- As well as the taskmaster segments, KR & RR also suggested a 'Baking with Committee' segment filmed off-campus.
- EB has suggested that SURGE are available (at current) for filming on the 26<sup>th</sup> March, which we may use for Taskmaster.

### Upcoming Events & Socials

- Bridge Meet on the 11<sup>th</sup> of March (Tuesday)
- Confirmed date for Board Game Night with the Game Society booked for the 18<sup>th</sup> of March (Tuesday) location to be confirmed.
- Plushie Picnic to be held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March (Saturday) as long as the risk-assessment application is approved.
- WEDGE – Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> Shooting Star & Edge Night.
- Trans Day of Visibility may have a social upcoming (Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March)

### Treasury Report

- Budget has to be organised for the Blossom Drive event. We are not planning on hiring a paid venue like last year, so we will be spending more money on other valuable assets, this includes possible equipment and props. WW has suggested a preliminary budget of £150, as this year's largest expense in committee. However, this may be changed in the near future.
- Treasurer needs to communicate with RAG and previous years treasurer for advice on these proceedings.
- Current items expected to be purchased within the budget:
  - 1) Large ethernet cable (Last year there was various technical problems using the campus Wi-Fi, this year we will use a cable for security).
  - 2) Minor props and equipment used in the pre-recorded sections, such as Taskmaster props, although we will attempt to DIY anything first before purchase



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## Welfare Report

- EB Would like to develop some welfare implementations during the filming and production of Blossom Drive for committee and participating members, so that we can navigate any welfare issues on air discreetly and accessibly.
- As previously discussed in prior meetings, KD and AI would like to book an in-person meeting, preferably with SUSU's head of VP Activities, to discuss the issue of registering our members. The committee has previously had verbal confirmation from SUSU representatives that our society would be exempt from their recently implemented guidelines, which require societies to register and verify their member bases with SUSU. We believe this could pose a danger to our members, who may be LGBTQ+ or allies, who would be negatively affected by this forced identification to be affiliated. The society provides a safe, and confidential, space for members to be themselves and therefore we want confirmation in writing that our society will be exempt of this condition in perpetuity for the welfare of our members.

## Technical Report

- Committee needs to get in contact with Technical Officer NB to organise more Blossom Drive details, specifically in regard to streaming and technical management for the event. They will be connected with SURGE to continue communication.