



**Royal Veterinary College  
Students' Union**

**Emergency General Meeting**

**Date:** 09.12.25

**Time:** 12:00pm

**Chair:** Alexis Engelen

**Secretary:** Chloe Smith

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**1. Attendance**

**1.1. Members present**

- 1.2. Alexis Engelen (SU President), Chloe Smith (SU Administrator as secretary), Callum Roberts (Head of the SU, ex-officio), Sophie Naylor (VP Communities), Thalia Dufour (VP Representation), Alex Grannell, Hannah Williams, Cassie Gardner, Lily Nugent, Zac Warham, Diva Parashar, Mara-Ioana Paun, Alex Roels, Matilda Gumble, Sophia Richmond, Thomas Arnold, Anna Britt, Carys Harry, Taylor Wenzinger, Polly Middleton, Ambika Chaudhuri, Sara Al-Ethawi, Helaina Cressy, Khansa Khan, Holly Windscheffel, Katherine Chiu, Georgina Barry, Gabriel Springer, Olivia Rivett, Petra De Paiva

## **2. Submitted Agenda Points**

### **2.1. Seeking approval for letter to send to local council and MP in regard to flags around Potters Bar. To be presented by Deputy chair, Sophie Naylor.**

Alexis reported that the Principal had sent her a positive email indicating that, in response to his letter to the Hertfordshire County Council, they confirmed that flag removal in Potters Bar had resumed.

Alexis invited opinions on whether the SU should still send the original action-request letter. Ambika suggested that the SU instead send a letter of appreciation from RVCSU students. Helaina agreed, recommending that the letter be reframed to acknowledge the Council's progress rather than request further action. She also proposed asking the Council for a letter that could be shared with students to reassure them that progress is ongoing. Cassie suggested retaining a deadline and sending the original request letter in two months' time if the removals were not completed by then. Petra supported this suggestion and noted that she had contacted the Council herself but had not received a reply since 11<sup>th</sup> November.

Alexis expressed a desire to strengthen the SU's relationship with the local Council. Taylor advised that students' names should not be included on the letter in order to reduce the risk of hate-crime incidents directed at students.

Union Council voted in favour, with 23 votes, to entrust the SU Officer Team with drafting an appropriate letter of appreciation and determining an appropriate deadline for sending a second request letter to Potters Bar Council if necessary.

### **2.2. Seeking approval for minor change on page 6 of SU Constitution regarding use of pronouns. To be presented by Chair, Alexis Engelen.**

Alexis presented a proposed minor amendment to page 6 of the SU Constitution relating to the use of pronouns. There were no questions from Union Council. Union Council voted in favour of the minor change, with 23 votes supporting the amendment.