

meet.coop community meeting

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[Please all feel free to add to the notes (at the bottom!)]

Present:

- mike hales
- Yves (Remix the Commons)
- Kawaii Punk
- Danny Garside
- Wouter Tebbens (Free Knowledge Institute)
- Calix (social.coop)
- Graham Mitchell
- John Rooke
- Eduardo Mercovich (social.coop)
- Matt Noyes (social.coop)
- **[add yourself]**

1. Chair for the meeting
 2. Agenda
 3. State of play
 0. The front-end coop
 1. SSO
 2. German server
 3. Canadian server
 4. Plans to address any outstanding issues
 - social.coop status?
 5. Plans for future maintenance and technical support
 6. Finance
 7. Plans for developing the business operation
 8. Plans for developing the developing the cooperative (membership development, governance, etc.)
 9. AOB
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Notes

3.0 Front-end

- Previously was trying to grow the business, but didn't have the technical confidence in the platform front-end
- Focusing on the Open Collective

3.1 SSO

- Keycloak
 - - Previously was on a server which was better maintained than the 4 current servers
 - - Automatic updates
 - - Keycloak app has (not?) been updated, probably has vulnerabilities now
 - - We've spun up a new server with Web Architects, and Kawaii and Nick have access
 - - Plan: get rid of current SSO server, move over to new server, should be zero downtime

- - Issue: locked out of part of the old keycloak server. Most users seem to be within 1 group, which is fine. There is a level above that which we don't have access to. For example, social.coop seem to have a special group which we don't have access to, which means that they are still locked out, for reasons which are unclear.

3.2 German server

- prod with collocal
- still have old de servers online but just locked down to ssh. Updated to version of ubuntu. Assuming they weren't compromised they are good to keep online.
- Current server seems to also be on Hertzner, idea is that Collocal would continue managing.
- We've been collecting user feedback

3.3. Canadian Server

- latest understanding: we have 1 physical server and 1 digital server
- made contact with Koumbit
- not in a great state
- currently offline apart from SSO
- if we reboot it we're not sure we'd be able to get back into it
- Plan: get Collocal to manage that. We almost have a quote for that. Could chase that.
- Calix: suggestion: if you try and change the password on the server while it is running, it will tell you whether you got it right. (<https://www.cyberciti.biz/security/how-to-change-luks-disk-encryption-passphrase-in-linux/>)

Ways forward:

- - End the Canadian server - we're paying for that.
 - - Do North Americans care about this?
 - - How many people are depending on the Canadian server?
 - - Currently the Canadian server is not online. The move between Greenlight versions would require a big update.
 - - Latency issues

Eduardo:

- social.coop folks – many in the USA - are using meet.coop and benefitting from it
- they are keen to help
- they would appreciate better communication from meet.coop (managing expectations)
 - - Mike: how long will it be before people can access their recordings?

John: Was using the Canadian server before it went down. German one had been problematic. Been having a lot of trouble with German server - recently had a meeting which failed completely.

Yves: (Canadian side of things). Not that much usage in Montreal, more and more people asking for it (digital sovereignty).

No latency issue experiences.

Main problem: front end.

In touch with Koumbit, happy to talk with them. Can give help on that communication side (in French).

Matt: The issue previously was dial-in. Is that resolved now, seems that it might be. What happened to WebTV?

Kawaii Punk: Intervention - we need to talk about decision making!

[skipping 4 and 5]

6 Finance

- What do we have?

meet.coop @ OC today:

£Today's balance £13,921.10 GBP

Total raised £61,458.15 GBP

Total disbursed £47,537.05 GBP

Estimated annual budget £8,796.00 GBP

- - ~£10K
- - recurring revenue has been falling - was £1K/month, now somewhat below that.
- - Graham - agreed some funding on paying Kawaii Punk and [**additional person, name?**]
- - Graham: keen to have a costed plan
- - Kawaii working on a finance plan currently, will send over to Graham in the next few days.
- - Kawaii: do we want to go ahead on the recordings servers? (EUR 1314)
- - What is the membership level?

Mike: **Proposal:** form a WG to engage with cash flow, costs of possible actions (including front-end development and communications work), revenue; also to handle urgent communication with members

Calix: social.coop currently reviewing budget. Meet.coop is our biggest service expense (bigger than our server for mastodon I think?). Some grumbling about costs, agree with Matt that recordings and login have been mentioned. Have also heard complaints about Jitsi server being open

Danny: Radical Routes is still on board (£1K/year), but that is one of the biggest expenses, so it is going to be discussed at the upcoming budget-setting in May.

Graham:

1. Proposes: We should go ahead with the recordings plan now.

2. In response to question: The governance in meet.coop is fairly informal, based on who turns up.

Going forwards: have a bit more capacity to support on that, become more member-oriented. Period of transition, with lots of technical problems.

Eduardo:

- social.coop is doing OK financially

- social.coop could potentially contribute some more (if the recordings issue is relieved and they feel confident that meet.coop is a going concern) to help get past this moment (co-op solidarity!) - though the deliberations take time!

Working group members:

- Calix (happy to join, personally - will need to talk about representing social.coop)
- Danny – will join; and convene the group

- KawaiPunk – ex officio member (meet.coop back end)
- Graham – ex officio (meet.coop front -end)
- mike
- Wouter

Wouter: suggests we put the recordings plan to a vote. Graham disagrees, suggests executive decision. Resolved as non-consensual, therefore no executive decision right now. Wouter will set up the decision in the forum today, short timescale, 5 days(?) to close the vote.

Calix: aim for over-communicating rather than under.

AOB: Graham currently negotiating with Open Collective, around their plan to levy \$2K/year cost for fiscal hosting, which would be passed on to collectives like social.coop, meet.coop.