

## KING'S COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE

At a meeting of the Council held  
on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 2pm in the Audit Room and via Zoom

Present:	Provost	In Attendance:	Vice-Provost
	Professor Griffiths		Senior Tutor
	Professor Candea		First Bursar
	Professor Giannitsarou		Domus Bursar
	Professor Dunn		
	Professor Hall		*Ms Olumide-Wahab
	Dr Good		*Mr Gasienica-Ciulacz
	Dr Dolan		
	Dr Taylor		
	Dr Adhikari		
	*Ms Kadlecova		
	*Mr Erwig		*Open business

### Apologies for Absence

Professor Sharman apologised for his absence.

## OPEN BUSINESS

- 12. Declarations of Interest**  
None.
- 13. Minutes of Open Business 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov 2022**  
Approved.
- 14. Minutes of Open Business 17<sup>th</sup> Jan 2023**  
Approved.
- 15. Matters arising**  
None.
- 16. Council Timetable – Open Matters**  
All in agenda.
- 17. Council Action List – Open Matters**  
Seven papers due Lent 2023, no outstanding.
- 18. Oral reports**  
None.

### Principal Items of Business

- 19. De-carbonisation – an update**  
The Domus Bursar drew Council's attention to a Decarbonisation Report from Max Fordham dated May 2022, and resultant work as College moves towards

achieving net zero. He informed Council that College had yet to formally declare a date for net zero, and recommended 2038 (aligning with the University) and with an aspirational target of 2030.

The next step on this journey is to conduct an on-site survey of the current portfolio of buildings within the estate, and to identify a prioritised programme of U value improvements to upgrade and eventually decarbonise the estate. This will be brought about by reducing demand on fossil fuel and introducing electrically driven heat pumps, with electricity being renewable. Tenders for the initial part of this work have been received, with Bidwells producing the most competitive and sensible tender, prices at £40k, and to this should be added £10k for Quantity Surveyor input.

Council questioned the validity of the aspirational target of 2030 while accepting the rationale behind 2038, and asked that the consultants focus on that date while suggesting ways of improving that target where reasonable and affordable. Professor Hall drew attention to a smart environmental monitoring and management system, as pioneered by a Fellow in Churchill and being trialled elsewhere; the Domus Bursar has been in touch with Churchill staff and will continue this dialogue with a view to trialling some of the units in College.

Council recognised the value of obtaining the data and agreed:

- a) to approve further work on costing the extent of required remedial work to reduce reliance on fossil fuels, up to £50k, and to report such findings to the Sustainability and Buildings Committees, and Council/GB,
- b) to bring a further report to Council/GB on the required programme of work to reduce demand on fossil fuels and meet net zero targets, and
- c) to set a target of 2038 to achieve net zero gas emissions across the College estate.

## **Other Items for Discussion**

### **20. Report on student numbers**

The Senior Tutor presented an update on student numbers, where it was observed that undergraduate numbers were high and ahead of the projected steady state of 456. A number of valid reasons were identified for the excess, and a separate paper will be brought on the increasing number of student intermitting, and so adding to the numbers and demand for accommodation. Post Graduate (PGs) numbers have reduced compared to 2022 and are broadly in line with the target number of 250 (excluding overrun PhDs). The number of 4<sup>th</sup> year PhD students is similar to 3<sup>rd</sup> years PhD students, suggesting that most students require this additional period to complete their degree. There is sufficient accommodation to meet demand, and work continues to reduce the number of external (non-College) students currently occupying College accommodation (while encouraging more of our own to be resident).

Council sought clarification on those intermitting, and when they could return. While each decision would be ideally merit-based, the Senior Tutor indicated that in the main a student would intermit for the remainder of the

academic year, however there is an increasing number of intermissions for a calendar year as a result of decisions by the EAMC on the basis of fairness.

Issues on PGs on the books beyond three years of research were discussed, observing the strain on welfare, housing and other College resources. A further call was made for PGs in particular to be more intellectually integrated into the life of the College; this was acknowledged by the Senior Tutor, and opportunities are being exploited.

Careful management will be exercised to keep numbers to a manageable level such that College has the wider resources to support demand, and is able to avoid risk of financial penalty should limits be exceeded. Council accepted the paper, and expressed gratitude to those involved in managing this complex issue.

## **21. Visitor Pricing**

The Domus Bursar drew attention to a detailed paper from the Head of Visitor Services, who with the First and Domus Bursar has conducted a review of prices, noting that such a major review had not been conducted since prior to the pandemic. Various options are proposed, including discounted tickets to those who purchase in advance, different charging at low and peak seasons, and family priced tickets. A further proposal is made to introduce a discounted flat fee for guests of Cambridge University members and CamCard holders.

Council were largely supportive, but challenged why different ticket prices existed for advanced on-line and on the day prices, when in 2022 Council had agreed to parity; this will be retained (at the higher price). The importance of reaching out to the local community, including the University community, was underlined, and as such it was not agreed to introduce charging for guests of members of the University, but to monitor and report whether abuses were widespread. In support of this, and to ensure all King's College members were recognised (including CRAs and Bye-Fellows etc), use of additional markings on ID cards should be considered.

Some asked for a greater differential between lowest/highest prices and this will be reviewed during 2023.

Council agreed to a range of changes to visitor and local resident pass ticket charges that align with local and national charges, including individual, family, children and student ticketing charges, subject to amendment arising from comments as above, effective from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023. It asked for parity in advance on-line ticket prices and those purchased on the day, and that charges are not introduced for guests of University members and Cam Card holders.

## **22. K Gates Report**

The Domus Bursar presented the latest K Gates Report, and in particular drew attention to the exceptional reports (Bodley's Court refurbishment, Gibbs' refurbishment and Chetwynd Court, a reduce scheme). Council agreed the following endorsements and approvals.

Council voted:

- a) To endorse the reforming of the Working Party and to identify priorities for an internal refurbishment of Bodley's Court, focus attention on future plans for an internal refurbishment of Gibbs' to thermal improvements to the windows, and to identify costs associated with further work on the reduced Chetwynd Court scheme or other improvements to that area,
- b) To approve Bodley's X6 set refurbishment entering the portfolio and into the Concept Stage,
- c) To approve further decarbonisation work moving to the Investigation Stage (£50k),
- d) To endorse the Gatehouse roof repairs/replacement and stonework repairs/conservation project moving to the Detailed Planning Stage (£30k plus slate costs for next stage, and noting estimated total project cost £613k),
- e) to endorse Croft Gardens moving to the Review Stage,
- f) to approve the S Staircase bathroom refurbishment, improvements to handrails across College, and installation of LEDs on portraits moving to the Review Stage, and
- g) to endorse the Gardens Hostel refurbishment and Wilkins Hall Roof projects exiting the Portfolio.

## **Business for Report**

### **23. Flying the Progress Flag**

Council received a proposal from the Junior Members to fly the Progress Flag during the month of February 2023 in support of LGBTQ+ History Month. They further asked that this approval extend for a further 5 years, or less should circumstances change, with the next review in Lent 2028.

Council felt there was value to each annual cohort of students making proposals for the flying of this flag, and agreed that the Senior Tutor should bring future proposals, to include details of other events associated with LGBTQ+ History Month taking place during this period.

Council agreed:

- a) To fly the Progress Pride flag over the Gibbs' Building during February 2023 in place of the six-stripe Rainbow flag to commemorate LGBTQ+ History Month, except days when other flags are flown by enduring protocols, and
- b) to invite the Senior Tutor to bring future annual papers to Council on this subject, to include other planned events aimed at raising awareness of LGBTQ+ History Month.

### **24. Minutes of Adornment Committee 16 Nov 22**

Noted.

### **25. Durham Fund – awards**

Council noted current membership of the Managers and the wide scope of the aims of the Durham Fund, reaching across the University, with King's students receiving priority, and noted awards made in 2022.

**26. Gertrude Kingston Fund – support to Marlowe Society**

Council agreed that the Gertrude Kingston Fund will provide a guarantee against loss to the Marlowe Society of up to £3,000 for its production of A Midsummer Night's Dream in January 2023.

**27. Medical Society Dinner from the Loke Yew Fund**

Council agreed that the Loke Yew Medical Sciences fund can be used to finance a dinner for the medical students and their supervisors, to an estimated cost of £3,000.

**28. Any Other Business**

None.