

# KING'S COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE

At a meeting of the Council held in the Wine Room  
On Tuesday, 17th February 2015 at 4.30 pm

<i>Present:</i> Provost	<i>In</i>	Vice-Provost
Dr Braybrook	<i>Attendance:</i>	First Bursar
Dr Browne		Senior Tutor
Dr Candea		Domus Bursar
Revd Dr Cherry		Mr McCay*
Professor Dunn		
Dr Fischer		Mr Kelloway <i>Items 52 &amp; 53</i>
Dr Flack		
Professor Keverne		
Professor Moffett		Mrs Wilson to take Minutes
Mr Munro*		* <i>Open business only</i>
Mr Turley*		

## OPEN BUSINESS

### Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Mr Mervin. Dr Marston was on leave.

### Declarations of Interest

The Junior Members declared an interest in items 52 and 53.

#### 44. Minutes of Open Matters of 3 February 2015

The minutes of the Open Business of the meeting held on 3 February 2015 were approved and signed.

#### 45. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

#### 46. Action List

The meeting noted the Action List.

#### 47. Minutes:

- a. Council accepted the Adornment Committee Minutes of 4<sup>th</sup> February 2015.

#### 48. Instrumental Awards

The Senior Tutor reported that the following students had received awards:

Stephane Crayton - Violin

Hannah Gardiner - Viola

The Provost would write to the students to congratulate them on the awards.

#### **49. Gateway Report**

*The Domus Bursar submitted a paper asking Council to review the Buildings' Portfolio and to note those projects approved by Governing Body to progress to the next phase. The "gateways" determined the progress of projects, and were controlled as determined by their threshold.*

The Domus Bursar had agreed at the Governing Body to bring a paper about the advisability of running the Bed and Breakfast programme in Spalding Hostel.

Noted:

- a. that Keynes Refrigeration Equipment proceeds to the Investigation Phase;
- b. that Croft Gardens and A Staircase refurbishment and decoration proceeds to the Planning Phase;
- c. that the No 2 St Mary's Passage refurbishment including additional student rooms proceed to the Delivery Phase, at a revised cost of up to £500,000;
- d. that the Beves Room and Spalding Hostel additional student rooms proceed to the Review Phase;
- e. that the Keynes Building replacement of ground floor hot and cold water system, Market Street Hostel, Kitchen Refurbishment and Bene't Street Hostel exits the Portfolio.

#### **50. Bridge the Gap**

*The Domus Bursar presented a request to stage part of the 2015 Bridge the Gap Charity Walk through King's College. The race would take place on 13<sup>th</sup> September, and would follow the same format as in recent years.*

Agreed: that the organisers of the annual Bridge the Gap Charity Event be allowed to make arrangements to proceed through King's College on Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> September 2015, subject to detailed agreement with the Domus Bursar, Head Porter and the Senior Groundsman.

#### **51. Replacement of Fire Detection System in Chapel**

*The Domus Bursar asked Council to note the proposals to update the fire detection system in the Chapel, and to endorse the submission to the Diocese.*

Agreed: to note a proposal to update the Fire Detection System in the Chapel, and to endorse a submission to the DAC.

#### **52. Student Living Costs**

*The KCSU Domus presented a paper outlining the findings of KCSU's Living Costs Working Group (LCWG) looking into the affordability of studying at King's as an undergraduate. Ratified recently at a KCSU Open Meeting, it reflected the position of the student union. The students felt that living costs were too high across the board, rising in excess of the rate of inflation each year. Unaffordable living costs had detrimental effects on the undergraduate body and the College as a whole and students wished to work with the College to bring these prices down. They asked that*

meal costs be reduced by 14.7% for the next academic year; facilities were not available for students to prepare their own meals cheaply so they were dependent on meals provided by the College. Providing more kitchen facilities when areas were refurbished was a possibility, but this might lead to a serious reduction of the numbers eating in Hall, and this was felt to be a core part of the College community. It was suggested that Catering might be asked to produce one affordable meal at £2 or under at each meal.

The Vice Provost felt that Bar prices were high and said that neither the Bar nor the Coffee Shop were producing the expected revenue, and this would be investigated.

Council felt more data was needed, for instance, the number of undergraduates eating in Hall. The Vice Provost and the Junior Council members would speak about this and would bring the matter to the Catering Committee.

The Vice Provost agreed to speak to the Catering Manager about the possibility of providing an affordable £2 meal option.

The Vice Provost would report back to the next meeting of Council.

### **53. King's College Rents**

The Senior Tutor and First Bursar presented a paper on the rents for Junior Members. The paper explained the formula and method by which the rents were calculated each year; this had been agreed with the Student bodies. He tabled a further two papers giving Unistats Data on Accommodation Costs and on the Kitchen Fixed Charges. The Junior Council members felt the present system used for calculating rents was unfair and led to high rents, particularly as the Kitchen Fixed Charge was extra. The First Bursar said that rents were highly subsidised.

Agreed:

- a. to set Junior Member rents for 2015–16 in accordance with the proposals set out in the paper.
- b. to increase the Kitchen Fixed Charge for Junior Members by 0.5% from 1 October 2015.

### **54. Recital in Hall**

The Vice Provost submitted a request from Tom Field, a second year undergraduate at King's, for permission to use the Hall on 8<sup>th</sup> March for a piano recital of Maurice Ravel's music (also celebrating Ravel's 140<sup>th</sup> birthday). This concert would be under the auspices of KCMS.

Agreed: to allow Hall to be used for a piano recital under the auspices of KCMS on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2015.

### **55. Smoking in College**

Council had requested the Vice-Provost and the President of KCSU to consult the Fellows and undergraduates respectively on the issue of whether or not to allow smoking in College rooms, including accommodation. Two anonymised ballots had been carried out and the results showed that both constituencies wished smoking to be discontinued in undergraduates' and Fellows' accommodation respectively. Council was asked to consider what action to take. The Vice Provost tabled a paper showing

*the results of the ballot; some data from the Fellows' ballot was still awaited. In the discussion of possible options, it was felt that any ban should be applied to all rooms.*

Agreed: to recommend to the Governing Body that smoking be banned with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2015, in all College rooms, including those used for residential accommodation by undergraduates, graduates (already agreed), Fellows and staff.

**56. 'Battle's Over – A Nations Tribute 2018'**

*The Dean presented a paper asking Council to consider granting permission for King's College Chapel to participate in a nationwide initiative to salute those who so generously gave their lives during World War 1.*

Agreed: to approve the request from the Dean for a lone piper to play 'Battle's Over' at 6am on Sunday 11 November 2018.

**57. BBC Recording – parking on the Cobbles**

*The Dean presented a request for the BBC to park on the cobbles to record services to be held in the Chapel this Term.*

Agreed: to approve the request from the Dean for the BBC to park on the cobbles from the evening of Monday, 2 March until approximately 9pm on Wednesday 4 March 2015 and from the afternoon of Monday 30 March until early Monday 6 April 2015.

**58. Events in Chapel**

*The Dean presented a paper requesting Council's approval for his proposed revision of the process for booking the Chapel for non-liturgical or routine events. The Vice Provost and Senior Tutor both expressed support for the proposed changes.*

Agreed:

- a. to approve the steps the Dean is taking to ensure Council properly oversees the use of Chapel;
- b. to endorse the use of the Chapel Event Request Form for all non-routine events and the provisional ground rules for Exhibitions;
- c. to approve retrospectively the list of events for 2014.

**59. Any Other Business**

- a. Meeting Card for the Easter Term 2015

*The Meeting Card for the Easter Term was tabled.*

Agreed: to approve the Meeting card for the Easter Term 2015.

- b. Students Support Street Kids Charity Event

*The KCSU President presented a paper requesting Council's permission for SSK Cambridge to hold a charity 'Zumbathon' in the Bunker or the Chetwynd Room on 28<sup>th</sup> February or 1 March. The First Bursar said he felt that Council needed to decide the criteria on which charity events should be allowed to prevent a flood of requests to Council.*

Agreed:

- i. to allow Cambridge SSSK use of the Bunker or the Chetwynd Room during the day on one day in a weekend this Term. This permission would be subject to planning with the Head Porter, Lay Dean, Domus Bursar and the Designated Premises Supervisor.
- ii. that the KCSU and KCGS members, the Lay Dean, Domus Bursar and the Designated Premises Supervisor should agree the guidelines for allowing charitable events, which would be sent to Council.

c. Audit Room Pictures

*The Domus Bursar asked the meeting to approve the hanging of the Muses pictures in the Audit Room now there had been time for them to view the pictures.*

Agreed: to approve the mounting of the Muses of Arts and Sciences paintings in the Audit Room.