

## KING'S COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE

At a meeting of the Council held in the Provost's Lodge  
On Tuesday, 14th May 2019 at 3 pm

<i>Present:</i>	Provost	<i>In</i>	Vice-Provost
	Dr Adams to item 178	<i>Attendance:</i>	Senior Tutor
	Dr Adhikari to item 177		First Bursar
	Dr Barber		Domus Bursar
	Dr Candea		*Ms Joynt
	Professor Efstathiou		*Ms Bevilacqua
	Ms Headen		* <i>Open business only</i>
	Professor Humphrey	<i>By invitation:</i>	<i>Dr Bill Burgwinkle (for item 174)</i>
	Dr Moody		<i>Ms James</i>
			<i>to take minutes</i>

### **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Dr Ainslie, Ms Georgescu and Ms Rude. Dr Davies is on sabbatical.

### **OPEN BUSINESS**

#### **170. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **171. Minutes of Open Matters of 30th April 2019**

The minutes of the Open Business of Council on 30th April 2019 were approved.

#### **172. Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

#### **173. Council Timetable and Action List**

Council noted that the Financial Report on Recordings had not yet been presented. The Provost asked the Dean and First Bursar to present the paper at the next Council meeting.

#### **174. Oral reports**

The Senior Tutor informed Council that discussions were on-going with the University on a draft 'Access and Participation Plan' (APP) from the Office for Students. He shared with Council his response to the Senior Tutors

Committee. The targets proposed are very challenging, and it was suggested that discussions need to commence now, with a clear time line leading to an agreement between Colleges, otherwise meeting the targets may prove impossible, with potentially grave consequences.

The Admissions Tutor agreed with the Senior Tutor's concerns.

## **Principal Items of Business**

### **175. Levies**

*The First Bursar presented a paper asking Council to consider the charges levied across Colleges to meet shared needs.*

Colleges co-operate in a variety of areas and share the costs of doing so through levies. Last year there was considerable concern over significant increases in these levies, arising largely from pre-admission testing, funding for the University Counselling Service, and the Disability Resource Centre. The Bursars' Committee has recognised that the proposed additional expenditure is necessary and will recommend it to the Colleges' Committee.

Agreed:

That the higher costs could be borne for a short period provided that there were clear and effective plans to reduce those costs in the future.

### **176. Chetwynd Court: Enabling Work**

*The Domus Bursar presented a paper inviting Council to consider this proposal to take forward certain parts of the Chetwynd development.*

This proposal provides an opportunity to progress some of the work identified in the wider scheme during 2020, introducing improvements to the College bar and adjacent areas and taking advantage of a period of time when conferencing activity will be markedly reduced (due to works taking place in the Hall and the Keynes Building).

Council expressed surprise at the cost of this work (approximately £3m, of which £1.763m would be construction costs and £1.24m design costs). The Domus Bursar explained that this cost would cover an application for planning and Listed Building Consent for the whole scheme, which would remain intact and ready for full development and construction as and when the College is ready to implement.

The Development Director confirmed that, as yet, no donor had committed to the cost of the construction, but that it was early days in the Campaign.

Agreed:

Council had some reservations about the scheme but agreed to send it to the Governing Body for consideration.

## **Other Items for Discussion**

### **177. Introduction of a Multi Media Guide**

*The Domus Bursar presented a paper inviting Council to note the proposal endorsed by the Visitor Committee to introduce a multi media guide for use by visitors to the College.*

The Visitor Committee is satisfied that the use of such a device would provide an enhanced experience for visitors while providing opportunities for College to promote its core values.

The cost of the Multi Media Guide would be covered by a £2 increase in the ticket price, £1 covering the introduction of this initiative and a further £1 to cover the overall cost of maintaining the Visitor Department and College fabric.

Agreed:

To approve the introduction of a multimedia guide from Easter 2020, and to recommend that a sub-set of the Visitor Committee be responsible for reviewing and approving the guide content for relevance, accuracy and suitability before it is submitted for recording.

### **178. Cows about Cambridge**

*The Domus Bursar presented a paper inviting Council to participate in a Cambridge wide public art event in 2020, raising funds for a local children's charity.*

Council considered the matter but preferred to make a charitable donation directly to one or more charities, as proposed to the Council by the Charities Committee.

Agreed:

To make a charitable donation of £7000 to charities recommended by the Charities Committee, drawing these funds from the Visitor Centre business rate tax relief.

### **179. Graduate Rents**

This paper was withdrawn, and a corrected version will be brought back to Council on 28 May 2019.

### **180. Special dinner**

*The First Bursar presented a paper on behalf of the Label and Media Manager proposing a dinner for Stephen Cleobury and approximately twenty colleagues from the recording industry.*

During his tenure, Stephen Cleobury has created one of the most distinguished choral recording catalogues of any choir or choral foundation in the world, consisting of well over a hundred albums carrying the King's name. The proposal is to invite to the dinner a core group of those who have created these recordings with him: producers, engineers and editors who have had a key role in the musical excellence that has resulted.

Agreed:

To approve the proposal for a special dinner to mark the retirement of Stephen Cleobury as Director of Music, and to authorise additional expenditure of £900-£1,000 from the Choir budget to cover these costs.

## **Business for Report**

### **181. King's Affair 2019: Use of the Chapel**

*A paper was presented on the Chapel plans for The King's Affair, to be held overnight on the 19th / 20th of June 2019.*

The Chapel has been a successful part of the King's Affair for many years. Subject to the permission of the Dean, setup in the Chapel will begin at 3pm on the 19th and clean-up will conclude by 9am on the 20th. As in previous years, attendees will be granted access to the Antechapel only. No food or drink (including both alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages) will be permitted inside the Antechapel and a security guard will be stationed outside the entrance to the Chapel in order to ensure compliance with this rule.

Agreed:

To approve the proposals for the King's Affair 2019 as set down in the paper, noting the supervisory role of the Chapel staff during the preparation period and the Chaplain's role on the night.

### **182. Gonville and Caius access through King's**

*The Domus Bursar presented a paper inviting Council to allow certain members of Gonville & Caius College access during the early evening to attend dinner in their secondary Dining Hall on West Road.*

Caius will be undergoing a major renovation of its Old Courts kitchens next year, and will transfer "Hall" to their West Road site at Harvey Court, where they have a satellite kitchen. Somewhere between 100 and 130 members might pass through in any single evening. The gates should both have card access in place by the start of Michaelmas, making access control more manageable.

Agreed:

To provide access for certain members of Gonville & Caius College between North and West gates during Full Term 2019/20, subject to detailed agreement with the Domus Bursar and the Head Porter.

**183. Minutes of the Library Committee of 30th April 2019**

Council accepted the minutes of the Library Committee of 30th April 2019.

**184. Any Other Business**

TABLED: Membership of the Regent House

At present the membership of the Regent House excludes persons over the age of 70. Council have been asked to give their consent to an amendment to the University's Statutes which would remove the age limit and remove the eligibility criteria for Regent House membership from Statute to Special Ordinance, which would make further changes more straightforward.

Council endorsed this amendment and recommended a paper go to the Governing Body for final approval.